

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 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. Hartzell led the prayer. Mr. Barr announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:**

Director of Community Services, Dan Kelchner provided an overview on the Ocean City Youth Camps for 2020. He spoke about the schedule, locations, format and pricing for the camps. Mr. Kelchner also mentioned that all fall youth camp participants will be required to adhere to current CDC guidelines as well as the policies and procedures set forth in the Ocean City Recreation Covid-19 Summer Camp Operational Plan. Scholarships will also be made available.

Mayor Gillian spoke about the importance of families right now and also the importance of children being able to interact with one another safely. He also provided an update from Shore Memorial Hospital regarding COVID-19 and reminded everyone how imperative it is to practice self-responsibility when it comes to the virus. Mayor Gillian also reported that the Governor of New Jersey is allowing gyms to re-open on September 1<sup>st</sup> so the Aquatic and Fitness Center will open. Also, the election scheduled for Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a mail-in ballot election. Mayor Gillian provided updates on beach replenishment, the CCMUA project on Bay Avenue which will start after Labor Day and the free paper shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Shelter Road. Lastly, the Mayor mentioned that the 911 ceremony held by the city will take place outside at the fire department located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:00 p.m.

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an update on violations regarding dumpsters. She spoke with the city's code enforcement officer and there have been two individuals with complaints. In the near future an ordinance will be brought forth to clarify the difference between construction and refuse dumpsters. Also, Ms. McCrosson informed everyone that political flags do not require permits.

Council President, Mr. Barr informed everyone that the council meetings will not be made available via "Go To Meeting" moving forward; the meetings are open to the public. If anyone is unable to attend a meeting in person and wants to participate in public comment they can email the City Clerk and their comments and questions will be recorded in the minutes.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Shari Thompson – 737 Simpson Ave** – Ms. Thompson, Chairman of the Trustee Board for the Tabernacle Church asked for the city's help; she asked for the city to rescind the taxes that have been accrued due to fraud.

**Marlene Sheppard – 103 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street** – Ms. Sheppard welcomed the two new councilman, Mr. Rotondi and Mr. Levchuk and wished them well in their endeavors. She also thanked Suzanne Hornick for her efforts related to the flooding issues in the city. Ms. Sheppard spoke about her concerns regarding terms on Boards and Commissions and suggested the ordinance be re-written to limit the amount of terms that can be served especially for the Planning and Zoning Boards.

**Suzanne Hornick – 30<sup>th</sup> and West Ave** – Ms. Hornick said that the wrong terminology was used during her citizen comment at the last council meeting and she said her mission is to advocate for a safe and flood free island.

**Nelson Dice – 12<sup>th</sup> and Central Ave** – Mr. Dice spoke about jurisdiction and flags. He referenced the book "The British Are Coming" and he also recited a portion of the Declaration of Independence.

**Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave** – Ms. Moore expressed her concerns about pesticides and asked the city to limit the use of fertilizers and herbicides.

**Robert Foreman – submitted an email dated August 27, 2020** – Mr. Foreman requested the topic of construction dumpsters be discussed and also requested that council meetings continue to be conducted virtually during the pandemic. Mr. Foreman also wrote that council's responses to public comments are less than productive and that the agenda packet should be made available sooner than 48 hours in advance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, August 13, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hartzell responding to Ms. Hornick's public comments. He suggested that questions, comments and concerns be submitted and explained before the council meeting so that the governing body can be more responsive. Mr. Hartzell also explained what was done in regard to Shooting Island.

Mr. DeVlieger responded to Ms. Hornick's public comments and spoke about the importance of the projects that are being done in the city; reputations are earned and credibility is important. Also, Mr. DeVlieger said that he wants to look into the issue that Ms. Thompson is facing regarding the Tabernacle Church.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 20-57-068 - #1** - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of the Specifications for City Contract #21-04: Supply, Installation, Removal & Storage of Holiday Decorations for Various Locations
- 20-57-069 - #2** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-09 R-1: Towing & Lockout Services for the City of Ocean City
- 20-57-070 - #3** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-12: Road Improvement at Various Locations – North End East
- 20-57-071 - #4** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-13: Road Improvement at Various Locations – North End West
- 20-57-072 - #5** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-29: Road Improvement at Various Locations – High School North End
- 20-57-073 - #6** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Lafayette Utility Construction Company, Inc. for Citywide Valve Maintenance & Repairs
- 20-57-074 - #7** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Cross Country Cowboy Company, Inc. for Citywide Barrier Netting Maintenance & Repair
- 20-57-075 - #8** - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City & Carlin & Ward, P.C. for Special Legal Counsel
- 20-57-076 - #9** - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City & McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann, LLC for General Municipal Bond Counsel Services
- 20-57-077 - #10** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract Between the City of Ocean City & Triad Associates for Consultant Services for the Community Development Block Grant Program in the City of Ocean City
- 20-57-078 - #11** - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City & Triad Associates to Provide Administrative Agent – Market to Affordable Housing Services to the City of Ocean City
- 20-57-079 - #12** - A Resolution Authorizing the City’s Participation in the South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC) for the Award of SJPC Contract #A30-20, Retail Electric Supply Services
- 20-57-080 - #13** - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City Property That Has Been Deemed Surplus or Abandoned with Govdeals, Inc.
- 20-57-081 - #14** - A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Sourcewell National Coop (NJPA) for #122017-FSC, Public Utility Equipment with Related Accessories & Supplies for a One (1) 2020 Year or Newer Elgin Broom Badger Street Sweeper
- 20-57-083 - #16** - A Resolution Certifying the Governing Body has Reviewed the 2019 Annual Audit
- 20-57-084 - #17** - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund 2020-14 & 2020-15
- 20-57-085 - #18** - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 5509-11 Central Avenue, Block 5501, Lot 10; Project #19-014ZBA
- 20-57-086 - #19** - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 231-35 Ocean Avenue, Block 207 Lot 5; Project #19-003ZBA
- 20-57-087 - #20** - A Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the City of Ocean City, In the County of Cape May, New Jersey Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$44,050,000 In Principal Amount
- 20-57-088 - #21** - A Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$50,700,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, Consisting of \$44,050,000 General Improvement Bonds and \$6,650,000 General Obligation Housing Bonds of the City of Ocean City, In the County of Cape May, New Jersey, and Providing for Their Sale
- 20-57-089 - #22** - A Resolution Authorizing a Change of Title or Text for Matching Funds for Grants – Municipal Alliance Program, FY2020
- 20-57-090 - #23** - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims
- 20-57-091 - #24** - A Resolution Authorizing the Ocean City Community Development Corporation to Execute an Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Affordable Housing Trust Fund 2021 Grant RFP Application to Construct Affordable Family Rental Units

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, second by Mr. Hartzell. All eyes followed.

**RESOLUTION – NON-CONSENT:**

- 20-57-082 - #15** - A Resolution Authorizing the Ocean City Community Development Corporation to Execute the Submission of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Affordable Housing Trust Fund 2021 Grant RFP Application to Construct Affordable Family Rental Units

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson asked that Resolution No. 15 be pulled from the consent agenda because it is a duplicate of Resolution No. 24.

Mr. Barr opened the meeting up for public comment on Resolution No. 15 and no one wished to speak. Mr. Barr closed the public comment portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Rotondi. All nays followed, therefore Resolution No. 15 was not adopted.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hartzell spoke about his friend Dutch Huber who has recently passed and away and also Mr. Callaghan a former police officer for the city who passed away.

Both were exceptional individuals who did a lot of good things for the city. They will be missed.

Mr. Rotondi spoke about the Coalition for a Safe Community and their recent walk-thru/drive thru school supply giveaway. Families were given back packs with school supplies; Mr. Rotondi said thank you to all who were involved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. DeVlieger had a question about the netting contract and the damage that was done by the recent storms; he asked if the city will recover monies for the netting.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Suzanne Hornick – 30<sup>th</sup> & West** – suggested that the council meeting agenda's be posted 72 hours in advance rather than 48 hours in advance and she also spoke about the possibility of a fundraiser to help the Tabernacle Church.

**Marlene Sheppard – 10 3 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street** – thanked Mr. Barr for his suggestion about submitting an email for public comment when you are unable to attend in person. Also, she had questions and concerns about Resolution No. 24.

**Jackie Wolchko – 5009-11 Haven Ave** – submitted photos of a storm drain at 51<sup>st</sup> and West that she said never drains properly. She asked what the city intends to do to resolve this issue and she stated that it is an unhealthy and unsafe condition.

**Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave** – suggested having trees planted at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street to help absorb flood water and provide a habitat for wildlife. She said it was imperative to preserve indigenous animals. Also, Ms. Moore had a question about ACT Engineers and asked if the city has considered hiring a hydrologist. She also spoke about construction crates that are not required to be covered and also talked about global warming.

**Nelson Dice – 12<sup>th</sup> & Central Ave** – referenced NJSA 41:1-2; spoke about oaths of office and public servants.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. 8:30 p.m.



**Melissa Rasner, City Clerk**

