

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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:

Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano spoke about the storm event that occurred last evening and said that there were heavy rainstorms around 2:30 p.m. which peaked at 4:30 p.m. and then concluded at 6:30 p.m. There was about three inches of rain and the storm was not predicted to hit this area; it was said to impact barrier islands and was forecasted to be further out to sea. Mr. Savastano reported that low lying areas were hit and the pumps were running at full capacity. Also, Mr. Savastano stated that usually when the city becomes aware of an advisory the administration sends out a warning prior to, but this was not the case and the administration was not aware of the storm coming this way.

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an update on the Tabernacle Church. There is a possibility that the city will enter into an installment agreement with the church which would be a five year agreement. If so, then a resolution will be brought forward for approval. There was discussion between the governing body members and Ms. McCrosson about the proposed agreement as well as discussion about a fundraiser. It was mentioned during the discussion by Mr. Hartzell that there is a “Go Fund Me” page for the Tabernacle and anyone who wishes to contribute may do so.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ed O'Donnell – Port O' Call Hotel – spoke about new nations being created based on love and respect. He also spoke about what is being discussed at Ocean City Bible study.

Steve Basset – 7 Osborne Road – Somers Point – spoke about the education of evolution and giving children the opportunity to choose their beliefs.

Nelson Dice – 12th and Central Ave – referenced Matthew Chapter 7 in the Bible and also spoke about the book he is reading, “The British Are Coming.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, August 27, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger said that he has received several positive comments about beach replenishment and the success of the project.

Mr. Barr informed everyone that phone interviews will be held on September 17th starting at 5:30 p.m. for two alternate positions on the Environmental Commission. The five finalists will then be interviewed during a closed executive session at the September 24th council meeting.

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-12 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-12 - An Ordinance Amending a Portion of Ordinance 87-17, Chapter XXX, Municipal Fees of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City to Reflect Changes**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-12 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

Mr. Barr announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-12 is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 and will be published according to law.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

20-57-092 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #20-37: Installation of Lighting on Haven Avenue Bicycle Path from 25th- 29th Street

20-57-093 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-31: Renovations to the Music Pier HVAC System

20-57-094 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to the Rodgers Group, LLC for a Law Enforcement Accreditation Consulting & Online Training Program

20-57-095 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Henry Hengchua Architect, P.C. for Architectural Services at the Ocean City Municipal Airport

20-57-096 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to CDI Infrastructure, LLC D/B/A L.R. Kimball as the Engineering Consultant for the Ocean City Municipal Airport

20-57-097 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Inter-Local Purchasing System (TIPS-USA) for Contract #200202: Grounds & Turf Maintenance Equipment, Parts & Repair Services

20-57-098 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Sourcewell National Cooperative (NJPA) for Contract #041217-WQI: Waste & Recycling Equipment & Containers

20-57-099 - #8 - A Resolution Amending the 2020 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue From the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration: Improve Airport Erosion Control: FAA #3-34-0029-22-2020

20-57-100 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee For a Construction Project at 839 First Street, Block 6, Lot 37, Project #16-033ZBA

20-57-101 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee For a Construction Project at 421 Battersea Road, Block 70.18, Lot (S) 34, 35, 36; Project #18-023PBA

20-57-102 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee For a Construction Project at 1030-36 Ocean Avenue, Block 1002, Lot (S) 18&19, Project #13-002PMSSF

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Ms. Bergman said that she is happy that more businesses are now able to open up; it's a good thing and it has been long overdue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger agreed with Ms. Bergman's comment about more businesses being able to open their doors. Mr. Barr reminded everyone about the 9-11 ceremony being held at 6:00 p.m. outside at the 5th Street Fire House. All are invited to attend.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Nelson Dice – 12th and Central Ave – spoke about the British and also about the original thirteen colonies and their inability to be changed by transient rules. He referenced laws from over 200 years ago.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. 7:40 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk