

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Frank McCall who recently passed away. Mr. Hartzell then 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:

No reports were given.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – spoke about the harmful effects of pesticides used on public lands especially where children play.

Nelson Dice – 12th and Central Ave – read a scripture from the Catholic Bible and provided a historical summary about his upbringing.

Jean Rynkiewicz – 1402 West Ave – spoke about her concerns about flooding in her neighborhood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 24, 2020. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the Executive Closed Session Minutes of Thursday, September 24, 2020. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

BOND SALE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The City Clerk read the following aloud: The Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey certifies that he has awarded general obligation bonds to be dated October 15, 2020, in the amount of \$50,700,000. Ocean City received 22 bids from 7 different banks and financial institutions through a competitive online process. The bonds will be awarded to bank of America Securities for \$50,700,000 at a Net Interest Cost of 1.52%. A complete report of all bids is available through the City Clerk's office.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Hartzell spoke about the Planning Board and the development of single family homes; more and more people are investing in the town.

Mr. Levchuk said the town is currently very vibrant and the local businesses are continuing to stay alive. He encouraged everyone to shop local especially for the holiday season.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-13 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. 20-13 – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXV, Zoning and Land Development of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Ocean City – 2020 Residential Mechanical (2)**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on Ordinance No. 20-13 and asked that city council make a motion to table the ordinance so that wording can be changed appropriately before being adopted.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to table Ordinance No. 20-13. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-14. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-14 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXV, Zoning and Land Development of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Ocean City – Guarantees and Improvement Procedures**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on Ordinance No. 20-14. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-14 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. Mr. Barr announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020 and will be published according to law.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

20-57-121 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract #Q-19-003 to Fralinger Engineering, PA for Professional Surveying Services on an As Needed Basis for the City of Ocean City

20-57-122 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Czar Engineering, LLC for Engineering Design & Construction Services at the 46th Street Firehouse

20-57-123 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Phoenix Advisors, LLC for Municipal Advisor & Continuing Disclosure Services
20-57-124 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #9 to City Contract #19-33, 2019 Road Improvement at Various Locations – Midtown Road Improvements
20-57-125 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 800 Stenton Place, Block 5, Lot 1; Project #18-020ZBA
20-57-126 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 727 Moore Avenue, Block 710, Lot 7; Project #19-019PBA
20-57-127 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 219 Wesley Avenue, Block 208, Lot 6.01, Project #17-034PBA
20-57-128 - #8 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Doug Blackman as Alternate I and Liza Barrick as an Alternate II Member to the Environmental Commission
20-57-129 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Rotondi and Mr. Barr all expressed kind words, memories and their condolences about Frank McCall who recently passed away.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rotondi thanked the administration for the quick response and help regarding a resident living at Plaza Place. Also, Mr. Rotondi reported that he received a letter from a resident about the 600 block of Bay Avenue and how people can get up to a high rate of speed; he would like to find a solution for slowing down the speeding vehicles. Mr. Levchuk said that he appreciates and acknowledges Donna Moore's efforts regarding the environment and her suggestions about limiting the use of harmful pesticides on public lands. Also, he is just as concerned as the other residents on and around 14th Street and hopes to have a plan in place soon to alleviate the flooding issues. Mr. Hartzell thanked all of the candidates who have applied for the Boards and Commissions; they have all been great applicants with talent. Also, Mr. Hartzell said he received a letter from Beverly Gill suggested that when people are in/on the water they may not know where they are and proposed that markers be placed on every bulkhead.

Ms. Bergman spoke about Beverly and Frank McCall and gave her condolences to their family. She also thanked all of the candidates who have applied for the Boards and Commissions; the quality of the candidates for the Environmental Commission was outstanding.

Mr. DeVlieger gave his sincere condolences to Frank McCall and his family. Mr. DeVlieger also said that he is very impressed with the talent that has been coming out for the Boards and Commissions.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Karen Dardine – 110 West 17th Street – expressed her concerns about the flooding that occurs near her home. She said it is becoming dangerous and more consistent; the flooding is coming up to knee length and she has submitted pictures for administration and city council to see.

Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – spoke about a meeting that took place regarding plans for a public safety building; Mr. Breeden met with the Mayor, Administrator, Chief of Police and CFO and said that the meeting went well and he appreciated the time that everyone took to discuss the proposed plans and finances.

Nelson Dice – 12th and Central – made comments about the different constitutions for the nation and also recited a part of the Declaration of Independence.

Bill Rynkiewicz – 1402 West Ave – spoke about a vacant property located at 210 E. 14th Street; the foundation is falling apart and the roof has a hole in it. He asked about the status of the home and what is being done as it is a safety hazard.

Bill Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – said that he is gratified by Mr. Levchuk's comments and said that he supports Ms. Moore's efforts.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – thanked everyone for their support regarding limiting the use of pesticides on public land and also thanked city council for conducting the phone interview for the Environmental Commission; she respectfully declined being a candidate because she likes being able to speak on environmental issues independently.

Warren Dardine - 110 West 17th Street – raised concerns about a sewer plant being put somewhere in the middle of where he lives.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. 7:52 p.m.


Melissa Rasner, City Clerk