

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020 – 7:00PM  
HOWARD STANTON SENIOR CENTER**

**ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Bergman (7:03 p.m.), Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Levchuk, Mr. Madden (absent), 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 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:**

Mayor Gillian reminded everyone about the town hall meeting taking place on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Tabernacle to talk about the proposed public safety building. Also, the Mayor invited everyone to come out and support and cheer on Jared Fenstermacher, a surviving cancer patient who will end his cross country cycling trip at 4:00 p.m. Saturday in Ocean City at the Music Pier.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Suzanne Hornick – 30<sup>th</sup> and West** – said that she would like to review the agenda sooner than 48 hours in advance and she expressed concerns she has about the consent agenda items. She spoke about ACT Engineers Inc., and transparency.

**Nelson Dice – 12<sup>th</sup> and Central** – submitted 4 pages of documents to city council and administration regarding the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice; Title 2C; Chapter 30. He spoke about the machinery of government and the oath of allegiance for municipal prosecutors.

**Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave** – spoke about the harmful effects of pesticides on public lands and she also referenced an article in the newspaper that talked about toxic lawn pesticides and what the city council in Philadelphia is doing to be healthier.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:**

Mr. Barr stated that he has received written public comments via email and they will be included in the minutes, but will not be read aloud at the council meeting. Also, he reminded everyone about the town hall meeting taking place on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:**

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-15 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-15 – An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Accept Conveyance of Route 52 Causeway Parcels from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Parcels V12B, V12C, V12D, V12RB, V13B, V13RB, V13RC and V16RB Ocean City, New Jersey**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on Ordinance No. 20-15. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-15 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

Mr. Barr announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-15 is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020 and will be published according to law.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

**20-57-130 - #1** - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #21-07: Supply & Delivery of Police & Fire Department Uniforms

**20-57-131 - #2** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-30: 2020 Back Bay Mechanical Dredging

**20-57-132 - #3** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #21-04: Supply, Installation, Removal, & Storage of Holiday Decorations for Various Locations

**20-57-133 - #4** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Bill Swenson & Sons, LLC for Aluminum Boardwalk Hand Rails

**20-57-134 - #5** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Coastal Landscaping for Irrigation at Memorial Park

**20-57-135 - #6** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Engineering Design Associates, P.A. for a Stormwater Management Plan

**20-57-136 - #7** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ACT Engineers, Inc. for Private Dredging Inspections

**20-57-137 - #8** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ACT Engineers, Inc. for Construction Management and Construction Inspection on City Contract #20-30: Back Bay Mechanical Dredging

**20-57-138 - #9** - A Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Ocean City and the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA) for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services

**20-57-139 - #10** - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus or Abandoned Items through Govdeals, Inc., Online Auction Service

**20-57-140 - #11** - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #20-18: Improvements to Various Beach ADA Ramps – North

**20-57-141 - #12** - A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Reappointment of Joshua Linthicum, Joseph S. Clark, Jr. and Marie Knight as Members to the Shade Tree Commission

**20-57-142 - #13** - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Reappointment of Robert Scott Halliday as a Member to the Ocean City Housing Authority

**20-57-143 - #14** - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Anthony Quarato and the Reappointment of Richard Bernardini, Stephen Cole and Martin Mozzo, Jr. as Members to the Utility Advisory Commission

**20-57-144 - #15** - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Reappointment of Ted Behrle, Thomas Dahl and Martin Schlembach to the Aviation Advisory Board

**20-57-145 - #16** - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Reappointment of Brian Logue, Phillip James DeMarco and the Reappointment of Matthew Miccarelli as Alternate I and the Appointment of Robert Becker as Alternate II Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

**20-57-146 - #17** - A Resolution Amending the 2020 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant-CV, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Cares Act)

**20-57-147 - #18** - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between Forerunner Industries, Inc. and the City of Ocean City

**20-57-148 - #19** - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License for Fence Encroachment for Placement of a Fence Within the City Right-of-Way Known as West Avenue Adjacent to the Property Located at 1045-47 West Avenue, Lot 5, Block 1005

**20-57-149 - #20** - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

**20-57-150 - #21** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to GEI Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Support on the Acquisition of Property

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

#### **PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. DeVlieger asked everyone to please vote and to utilize the mail in ballot drop box at city hall.

Ms. Bergman thanked Ms. Moore for all of her efforts and hard work concerning harmful pesticides and she hopes that the city will look into ways to eliminate the use of those pesticides on public grounds.

Mr. Hartzell provided information about the county's drop box located outside of city hall for mail in ballots.

Mr. Rotondi thanked Ms. Moore for her information and passion regarding the use and elimination of harmful pesticides.

Mr. Barr expressed his concerns about the upcoming election and urged everyone to vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. DeVlieger responded to Ms. Moore's comments about the harmful effects of pesticides and suggested that the city take a look at the playing fields that the kids use because the children are out most valuable asset.

Ms. Bergman wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Mr. Rotondi spoke about mental health and how the suicide rates have increased since 2010 with exposure to social media. He referenced the Netflix TV series Social Dilemma and suggested that there be a meeting/discussion with officials at the freeholder level or maybe even the federal level about mental health to have a plan in place to help address the seriousness of the issue.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Suzanne Hornick – 30<sup>th</sup> and West** – asked that emails that are submitted to the city clerk due to not being able to attend a council meeting because of the health risk posed by COVID-19 should be read aloud during public comment at the council meeting.


**Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave** – thanked city council and administration for listening to her concerns about pesticides.

**Nelson Dice – 12<sup>th</sup> and Central** – recited John:16 from the Bible and also read a portion of the Declaration of Independence.

**Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane** – spoke on behalf of FIT and commented on his meeting that took place with the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief regarding the proposed public safety building. He thanked the Mayor and administration for taking the time to meet and discuss the project with him.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Rotondi. All were in favor. 7:50 p.m.

  
 Melissa Rasner, City Clerk