

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 then led the prayer. Mr. Barr announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Barr also stated the following: The meeting will be muted to the public except during the citizen comment portion. Due to the unique nature of this meeting under today's circumstances there will be one opportunity for citizen comment at the end of the meeting. The public may also have an opportunity to comment during second reading for Ordinance No. 20-16 and Ordinance 20-17.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Mayor Gillian spoke in regard to COVID-19 and urged everyone to be responsible and to be very cautious until there is a vaccine for the virus. He has spoken with experts from Shore Medical Center and he plans on moving forward with a mental health committee. Also, on December 5th the city will have a town hall meeting on flood mitigation that will include a presentation as well as questions and answers. The Mayor also expressed his concerns about dogs being unleashed on the beach and he plans to speak with Bill Hollingsworth from the Humane Society about this issue. He also reminded everyone about the Thanksgiving services that will take place on Tuesday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, November 5, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

BOND NOTE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The City Clerk read the following announcement: The Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey certifies that he has issued Note 2020-02, the details of which are as follows: Note 2020-02, to be dated November 24th, 2020, is in the amount of \$2,080,000. The note consists of \$2,080,000 in Federally Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes. Ocean City received 7 bids and the note was awarded to Piper Sandler & Co. The maturity date is November 24th, 2021 with a Net Interest Cost of 0.72% (*zero point seven-two percent*) payable at maturity.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

No reports were given.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-18 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Rotondi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-18 – A Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$355,000 for the Acquisition of Property in and By the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$337,250 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation. There was some discussion between the governing body members. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-18 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. Mr. Barr announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-18 is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 and will be published according to law.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-19 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-19 – A Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$100,000 for the Acquisition of Property in and By the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$95,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation. There was some discussion between the governing body members. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-19 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Rotondi. All ayes followed. Mr. Barr announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-19 is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 and will be published according to law.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-20 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-20 – A Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$160,000 for the Acquisition of Property in and By the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$152,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation. There was some discussion between the governing body members. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-20 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Rotondi. All ayes followed. Mr. Barr announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-20 is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-16 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-16 – A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$1,100,000.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,045,000.00 in Bonds and Notes of the City of Ocean City for the Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the City of Ocean City, New Jersey**

CFO, Mr. Donato provided an explanation. There was some discussion between the governing body members. Mr. Barr opened the meeting up for public comment on Ordinance No. 20-16 and no one wished to speak. Mr. Barr closed the public comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-16 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 20-17 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Rotondi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 20-17 – Capital Ordinance Appropriating Improvement Authorizations in the Amount of \$645,000.00 by the Utilization of \$645,000.00 from Capital Reserve for Debt Service**

CFO, Mr. Donato provided an explanation on the ordinance. There was some discussion between the governing body members. Mr. Barr opened the meeting up for public comment on Ordinance No. 20-17 and no one wished to speak. Mr. Barr closed the public comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-17 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

20-57-164 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of City Contract #18-01 R-1: Supply & Delivery of 100 Low Lead Aviation Fuel (AVGAS 100LL) for the City of Ocean City and the #251COCCPS Cooperative Members

20-57-165 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Guzzo Builders/Developers, Inc. for Emergency Tree Removal

20-57-166 - #3 - A Resolution Declaring that an Emergent Condition Exists and Authorizing an Award of a Contract to Walters Marine Construction for Various Street Outfall Repairs

20-57-167 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Czar Engineering, LLC. for the Roof Improvement at the Ocean City Community Center

20-57-169 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2, Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #19-26 R-1: Back Bay Mechanical Dredging – North

20-57-170 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2, Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #19-27: Back Bay Mechanical Dredging – Central

20-57-171 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System #47-CPCPS for the Acquisition of Three (3) 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department

20-57-172 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Sourcewell National Cooperative (NJPA) Contract #120716-NAF for the Purchase of One (1) 2021 Ford F250 Crew Cab

20-57-174 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Sublease of Hangar A-4 at the Ocean City Municipal Airport

20-57-175 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus or Abandoned Items through Govdeals, Inc: Online Auction Service

20-57-176 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Enter Into the Camden County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System (66CCEPS) Agreement for the Purchase of Goods & Services

20-57-177 - #14 - A Resolution Amending the 2020 Local Municipal Budget of the City of Ocean City / Capital Budget

20-57-178 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations of the 2020 Local Municipal Budget per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

20-57-179 - #16 - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund 2020-16 thru 2020-18

20-57-180 - #17 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

RESOLUTIONS – NON-CONSENT:

Mr. Levchuk asked that Resolution No. 5 be removed from the consent agenda. The City Clerk read the title of Resolution No. 5.

20-57-168 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to William McLees Architecture for New Restrooms at the 34th Street Tennis Facility

Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano provided an explanation on the resolution. There were questions and discussion amongst council.

Mr. Barr opened the meeting up for public comment on Resolution No. 5.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – asked what the budgeted amount is for the new restrooms.

Mr. Barr closed the public comment portion of the meeting on Resolution No. 5.

Mr. Rotondi asked that Resolution No. 10 be removed from the consent agenda. The City Clerk read the title of Resolution No. 10.

20-57-173 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Ocean City Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program to Request & Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment

CFO, Mr. Donato provided an explanation on the resolution. There were questions and discussion amongst council.

Mr. Barr opened the meeting up for public comment on Resolution No. 10.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – asked for clarification on what was actually being purchased.

Mr. Barr closed the public comment portion of the meeting on Resolution No. 10.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No's 5 & 10. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell expressed that he would like to have banners honoring the Veteran's as he has seen how some other towns have done it. He is hoping to have a program set in place for Memorial Day. Also, he sends his thoughts and prayers to the Lavner family. Maryann Lavner recently passed away and she was a valued part of the Ocean City community and will be missed.

Mr. DeVlieger wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and hopes that it will be a safe and healthy holiday for all. He also sends his condolences to the Lavner family for their loss.

Mr. Barr supports the Veteran banner program and hopes to see them for Memorial Day 2021. He also sends his condolences to the Lavner family for their loss. Mr. Barr congratulated the winners of the most recent local election; he congratulated the freeholders and congressmen and said that putting your name on a ballot isn't an easy and he wished them all well on their success.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger said that he supports the program for Veteran banners. Local heroes deserve to be recognized and honored.

Mr. Rotondi thanked Mr. Allegretto and Mr. Beiker with their help regarding the flooding issue at 400 Simpson. He also thanked the team at ACME as well as Fire Chief Smith for their support during the recent fire. Mr. Rotondi also mentioned that Assemblyman and former 2nd Ward Councilman Mr. McClellan reached out to him about the lights that are out at 11th and Simpson; Mr. McClellan provided Mr. Rotondi with Ms. Ronnie Town's contact information at Atlantic City Electric and she informed him that it will take about a month to get the lights working. Also, for anyone who needs support with outages you can use the Atlantic City Electric's App.

Ms. Bergman thanked Keith for speaking about Ms. Lavner's passing and she sends her condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family.

Mr. Barr thanked Martin Fiedler for taking the time today to set up early and practice for tonight's meeting so that everything would go smoothly.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ashley Madden – 421 Battersea Road – asked city council and administration for their support and help with the current model in place at the schools because every school is failing with instruction. Ms. Madden also said that more live instruction/interaction from the teachers is needed. She has also been to the school board meetings and spoke on this issue.

Michael Hinchman – 281 West Atlantic Ave – expressed his thoughts, concerns and opinion about the proposed public safety building and said that it should go to referendum.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – commented on Resolution No. 2; she suggested that the city have an agreement with a professional arborist rather than depending on builders to take down trees because in some cases the trees can be saved. She also mentioned that the plants being used on Haven Avenue are inappropriate for that environment and that there are better options.

Robert Foreman – 2300 West Ave – said that he supports Mrs. Madden's concerns about the current model in place at the schools for instruction. He also spoke about the mulch put in place at Haven Avenue and said that is not a good choice

ADJOURN:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Rotondi. All ayes followed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Rasner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Melissa Rasner, City Clerk