

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney. Also attending was Mayor Desiderio, Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini.

Council President Divney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. He then announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 4-10-12 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio announced Community Day will be May 19, 2012 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

The Mayor then reiterated his request for an ordinance requiring storefront decorations when businesses close for the season. Mr. Divney asked Mr. Baldini to draft the ordinance.

Mr. Savastano provided an update on the landfill project and announced that the DEP denied the request to remove the drums that were found before 8/15/2012 due to a heron rookery.

He then stated that Excursion Park Phase II is nearly complete, pending some electric poles, planters and pavers, but all should be done in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Savastano next reported that the 50th Street Well permits have been received, bids will be going out and the contract award should be on the agenda for the first meeting in August.

His final report was that the utility work on Landis and Central Avenues will be completed for the summer within the next 30 days and Central Avenue will be finished in the Fall.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney announced that the next Council Meeting will be held on Community Day, Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. He also reported that he would like to set-up a meeting with Town Watch/Town Pride to discuss its request to amend the ordinance to revoke rental permits.

Ms. Tighe asked what the mobi-mat plan placement is for Memorial Day and asked how many will be replaced. Mr. Savastano said that the crew will begin shortly, however not all will be done before the holiday. He added that 6 Mr. Boardwalks will be replaced and 2 more areas will be receiving mobi-mats.

Mr. McHale reported that the Environmental Commission beach clean up was a success and thanked Mike's Seafood for the free lunch for all the volunteers. He also announced that the Garden Club will hold its flower sale on May 19, 2012 at the school and reminded everyone of the city-wide yard sale May 12, 2012 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. In conclusion, he recognized Mr. Savastano's positive presentation at the recent Chamber/Revitalization breakfast meeting.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1517 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1517 - An Ordinance to Amend Various Chapters and Sections of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City to Reflect changes Necessary to Allow for Safer and More Efficient Navigation of City Streets, Along with Parking Lot and Meter Rate Amendments.** Mr. Baldini first identified several amendments that the Council would have to adopt adding that all were minor changes and not requiring re-advertising. He then gave an overview of the entire ordinance.

Prior to Public Comment, Mr. Divney asked for a motion to accept the changes outlined by Mr. Baldini. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT-as amended: There was no public comment on ordinance 1517.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1517 on second reading as amended. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1518 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1518 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Capital Surplus for the Purchase of Various Items (police radios, cameras and message signs).** Mr. Savastano explained that the items will not be purchased thru

bonding, that capital surplus funds will be utilized. Mr. Edwardi asked if the radios will address a problem with the fire department and Mr. Savastano said he would discuss with Chief D'Intino.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on ordinance 1518.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1518 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1519 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1519 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4 Entitled “General Licensing” to Further Regulate Jitneys, Taxicabs and Limousine Services Within the City.** Mr. Baldini explained that there have been complaints about taxicabs and limos and that this will clarify the licensing requirements and also allows for the issuance of licenses for jitneys. Mayor Desiderio added that it is a good ordinance that will allow the police more control.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on ordinance 1519.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1519 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1520 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1520 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of Sea Isle City, Chapter VI, Section 4, Entitled “Regulations of Licenses” to Provide for Clarification in Sales and Delivery in the City of Sea Isle City Sales.** Mr. Divney explained that this will change the current 12:00 noon alcohol sales to allow alcohol sales at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kim Gibson-18 JFK Blvd: Representing the Tavern Association and Braca Café he asked Council to support the ordinance as the hours will then match the surrounding communities and it will be positive change, as he has recently introduced a brunch menu.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Opposed the ordinance, as she does not believe it is a positive change as Sunday morning should be sacred and does not add to the family town image. She added that it is a step backward.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Opposed the ordinance adding that she agreed with everything Mrs. Organ said.

Joan McArdle-6306 Central Ave: Stated it was an emotional issue and that the silent majority who do not come to meetings regularly need to speak out against the ordinance. She expressed concern that families go to the beach and will now pass outside bars opened at 10:00 a.m. and that this does nothing for the image of Sea Isle City.

Joe Griffies-6413 Central Ave: Stated that there were pros/cons to the ordinance, however, businesses have 3 months to make it and he supports giving them everything they need to survive. He concluded that he supports the ordinance, but recommended that any purchases be placed in bags or containers.

Jack Devine-105 75th St: Asked what are the positive things Mr. Gibson spoke of and asked for a list.

Mr. McHale stated that he would be voting no. He agreed that Sunday morning is sacred and that the ordinance does not promote the City as a family community.

Ms. Tighe said that times are changing and the economy is not great and agrees that many have 3 months to make it. She went on to say that we want visitors to stay and not go offshore, but understands the fear that it will promote bad drinking habits and agreed no one wants it to be a step backward.

Mr. Divney said that he would be voting no and the main issue is that over the past 5 years, the City has moved forward and he does not want the perception that now it is a step backward.

Mr. Kehner agreed with Ms. Tighe and explained that Strathmere will be holding a public hearing on 4/30/2012 to also change the time to 10:00 a.m. and the City should give the business community the ability to compete.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1520 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. **Vote:** Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner & Ms. Tighe – aye. Mr. Divney and Mr. McHale voted no.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda: There was no public comment on resolutions 077-087.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

077 Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

078 Authorizing the Abandoned Bicycles & Authorization of Auction

079 Authorizing Award of Contract for Beach Concession Bid II – Area 1

- 080 Supporting the New Jersey Employer Support Guard and Reserve Employment Initiative Program
- 081 Authorizing the Rejection of Bids and Approving Re-Bid for the Purchase of Mobi-Mat Recpath Access Matting A2XDL
- 082 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Various Recreation Programs
- 083 Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds *{\$4,800.00 for Tennis courts}*
- 084 Authorizing the Release of Rental Bond Money
- 085 Authorizing Approval of a Raffle Application (Knights of Columbus)
- 086 Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee
- 087 Designating Jon P. Gansert Sr. As a “Special Volunteer” for the Policy Unity Tour

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #077 to #087. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Expressed several concerns with the contractor on the Central Avenue Project and the slow progress on the Welcome Center. Also he advised that Channel 2 does not have the updated tides and the temperature is “zero”.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked why the new parking lot on JFK is going to have a 6 ft. fence around it and the Mayor and Mr. Divney explained it was a request from the neighbors to prevent people from walking through their yards.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Regarding resolutions #087, she asked if the police officer was a volunteer or would be paid and was told he was an unpaid volunteer as he is retired.

Mike Monichetti-213 43rd St: Complimented the Park Road contractor for an excellent job.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk