



**CITY OF ABSECON
Municipal Complex
500 Mill Road
Absecon, New Jersey 08201**

**AUGUST 21, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Council Pro Tem, Vizthum at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Pastor Bill Warner, Director of Men’s Ministry for the AC Rescue Mission

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vizthum, Horton, Cain, Phillips, Ring

ABSENT: Camp, Seher

ALSO PRESENT: City Solicitor, Tim Maguire; Jessica Thompson; Carie Crone

**PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

REPORTS

Councilwoman Cain – Public Works – met today and discussed the tennis court resurfacing, whose bids should be going out soon. There will be 4 different types of bids on different options we will have. Once we get them in, we will see what the costs will be and then a decision made. The 2014 road program bids should be out in early Sept. Last meeting we found out we received a FEMA grant received for a generator and Chris asked to find out if it could be used for anything other than that. It can be used for any energy related project, such as solar panels. So they will be looking into the generator some more. They are also getting quotes to get the old pilings out down by the Kunkley property. They discussed possibly getting some sort of street sweeping schedule created. NJ Ave. needs it done more. Next month a leaf schedule pickup schedule will be put up. Due to some conflicts, their next meeting will be 9/17 @ 3:30.

Councilman Phillips - Parks & Playgrounds – the wagon wheel maintenance program for the lights is underway. Background checks for 85% of the coaches came in and should take a month or two to process. Hopefully by Jan. 2015 all will be in compliance. Concerts are finished and he thanked those who helped with donations to make it happen and those who helped at the concerts. Next meeting 9/16 @ 7 p.m.

Councilwoman Horton – Economic Development – next meeting is 9/4 @ 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Ring – Community Affairs – asked residents to be safe and watchful because school will be starting soon. The annual 9/11 ceremony will be held on 9/10 @ 6 p.m. in front of the firehouse on the WHP. On 9/27 the Peddle, Paddle Run will take place, as well as the Fall Fun Fest at Seton Church and the Knights of Columbus Italian Fest at Smithville. Next meeting is 9/4 @ 5:00 p.m.

Councilman Vizthum – Finance – met tonight and discussed fee structures for construction fees and mercantile license fees. Next meeting will be 9/18 @ 6:30 p.m. The pawnshop ordinance was provided to everyone and it does not need any changes at this time since it was done in 2012.

Jessica Thompson – no report

Clerk – Municipal Court - \$10,103.08
Clerk's Office - \$14,385.50
Tax Collection - \$585,613.46
Construction - \$4,910

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring
All were in favor. No public comment.
Motion to close public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring
All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2014 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 15** Granting renewed consent and permission to South Jersey Gas Company to use the public streets to furnish gas for light, heat and power in the City of Absecon.

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring
ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

2014 ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

- 14** Establishing Salary Ranges for the City of Absecon.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Cain
ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes
Motion to open to the public for comment – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring
All were in favor.
Motion to close public – Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Cain
All were in favor.
Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Horton
ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

2014 RESOLUTIONS

- 142** Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2014 Statewide Crackdown.
- 143** Approving the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2014 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$1,854.85 from the Federal Body Armor Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

Resolutions 142 and 143 are in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve consent agenda – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,351,263.13

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, abstain A0032 and yes for others

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 8/7/2014

Closed Session as to form and content only – 8/7/2014

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, abstain

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilwoman Horton - second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Respectfully,

Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: _____