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CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 6, 2015
WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Chris Seher at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – moment of silence

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, Horton, Phillips, Vizthum, Seher

ABSENT: Camp, Ring & Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone & Ed Dennis

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW - Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING BEING RECORDED – Chris

REPORTS

Sandy - Public Works – her next meeting is 8/20 @3:30. A speeding problem was brought to her attention at the corner of Pitney & Church Street and there is a safety concern about accidents happening. The concern came from someone who lives in that area.

Chris – remembered the residents who had expressed concerns, didn't want a 3way stop sign installed to try and alleviate the problem.

Kim – the concern is for when the seniors meet at the church and one of them getting hit.

After discussion, it was decided to have the police patrol that area on senior days and ask the County for some kind of signage, since it's a county road.

Jim - Public Safety – congratulated the Chief and thanked everyone for a great National Night Out. His next meeting is 9/1. Crestview Ave. has received complaints again with speeding.

Frank – was also asked by some residents to be aware of kids out there riding bikes and to please slow down while driving.

Chris – inquired about the expenses for National Night Out.

John – it's a Municipal Alliance grant that cities get and officers aren't paid. It's worked in by training payback. He will be turning it over to two other officers who have volunteered to run it.

Frank - Parks & Playground – the last concert is this Sunday and the 911 Committee is collecting shows that night. They met on 7/29 and discussed Phase II of the ball fields to see what is needed to get it started as well as the lighting. Phase I fencing is complete. The rec director applications are being reviewed and will make a recommendation from the Committee to Council hopefully by the next meeting. Ord. #12 approves “No Trespassing” signs where needed on any city property. **Jim** – forgot to mention that we will be hiring new dispatchers to refill positions.

Mike – Community Affairs – (Kim) thanked Mark Marrone, Sr. and his family for installing an irrigation system at the school’s garden. Thanked John DeRitis for National Night Out. She announced the upcoming events in town. Next meetings are 5:00 on 9/3 for the ad hoc committee and 6:00 for the regular committee.

Kim – Economic Development – Famous Pizza will be opening on Mill Road. 19 units have been occupied at Absecon Gardens. The Girl Scout Lodge will be demolished soon. Her next meeting will be 9/3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Chris - reported on behalf of the Mayor that in today’s Press there’s a letter to the editor by him expressing concerns about the PILOT legislation. The tax bills are in the mail and the extension and they are due Sept. 1st and interest will go back to August 1st if payments are late. The County tax rate is about 1.3 or 1.4 cents increase and the school is about 3 cents and the city is zero increase. Work down on the creek area will be mentioned in the Press soon.

Jessica – one of our notes was rolled over and we got a fantastic rate this year of .77% by PNC Bank. PBA negotiations have begun; their contract is up this year. She is updating our JIF information and making sure all of it is updated and correct to hopefully keep our rates as low as we can. We will have final reading of Ord. #13 tonight.

Eddie – the pedestrian flashing signal on Pitney Road had an inter-local agreement drawn up and was sent back to the County for finalization. It will have a 50% cost share with us, but it has the City owning it and maintaining it. He has asked the County to look at the right hand prohibition onto Woodcrest Ave. off of Pitney Road; the traffic signal timing at five corners; left hand prohibitions on Mill Road near McDonald’s and TD Bank; and a stop ahead sign on Pitney Road as you approach Church St. and he’s working up final details for our intersection project on NJ Ave. Phase II of Pitney Park included the walking path connection from the concession stand to the walking path behind the softball fields; some asphalt paving; a retaining wall near the concession stand; and some drainage work.

Eddie suggested some changes in Phase II to council and they agreed to them.

The striping work for the 2014 road program will be done next week. The Girl Scout Lodge should also begin next week. The 2015 road program is out to bid and they will be opened on 8/18. It should start in the Fall and finish next Spring.

Chris – mentioned the Field of Dreams Golf Tournament that was held today and it’s a great event

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public- Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public - Councilman Vizthum - second – Councilman Phillips

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

2015 ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

- 11** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon Chapter 3 – Administrative Code creating Section 103 – Recreation Director.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

Motion to open to public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

- 12** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 250 – Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Areas, Adding Section 5 – “No Trespassing”.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

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

Motion to open to public – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Phillips

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

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

- 13** Ordinance accepting conveyance of land known as Block 26, Lot 2.01 on the Absecon City Tax Map as a gift and authorizing city representatives to take all actions necessary to effectuate such conveyance.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

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

Motion to open to public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this 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 considered separately.

- 133 Cancelling outstanding checks in the sewer and payroll accounts of the City of Absecon.
- 134 Appointing a Full Time Tele-Communicator, namely Justin Smith.
- 135 Supporting the Absecon Education Foundation's Annual Pedal, Paddle, Run.

Resolutions #133-135 were moved in the Consent Agenda.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilwoman Cain
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$954,863.78

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilwoman Horton
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –07/16/15

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 8/20/15