



**CITY OF ABSECON**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 18, 2015**  
**WORK & REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

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

**FLAG SALUTE – Mayor**

**INVOCATION – Lisa Whitaker, Missionary, Youth With a Mission, Absecon UMC**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Cain, Camp, Horton, Phillips, Ring, Vizthum, Seher

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Armstrong, Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

**STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW - Chris**

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING BEING RECORDED – Chris**

**REPORTS**

**Frank - Parks & Playground** – introduced the group that wants to have a reunion in Heritage Park this summer. The committee is finalizing an application that will be required with the conditions and requirements, as well as the city ordinance. He would not recommend this if he thought it wasn't needed. There are not many volunteers out there like there used to be. They will be notified when the application is complete. The Arts Alliance would also like to use the park in October and they will receiving the applications and instructions. Concerts start this Sunday night. Congratulated the girls 8 and up baseball team who became state champs. Also the HS Boys baseball team who won the state championship.

The hiring of a Recreational Director was discussed and is still being looked into. A list of duties is being compiled and they hope to have it be the next meeting.

**Sandy – Public Works** – met today and they discussed the Girl Scout lodge that work is still being done on. A lead paint problem has come up and bids are going out for that work. The 2014 road program is still going on and the city parking lot is included in that work. Notice will be given ahead of time since parking will not be allowed during the work hours. They decided to go out to State bid

for the new dump truck at a cost of about \$62,000 and explained the reasons. Her next meeting will be 7/16 @ 3:30 p.m. Congratulated all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who graduated.

**Mike** – asked about roads that run through our town but now owned by us. He feels Route 30 in Absecon should be getting paved also. They are doing Galloway now and they are not near as bad as ours. Would like us to try to find out.

**Mayor** – will have our Administrator reach out to NJDOT

**Jim - Public Safety** – reminded all that school is out and to watch out for them and be careful.

**Don - Finance** – Pleasantville sewer rates are being increased and we will have to negotiate with them. Our Plumbing Inspector left and we are going to advertise for a new one. We have to share services with Galloway for now. His next meeting will be 7/16 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Sandy** – reminded residents of the sewer problem procedure for after hours.

**Mike – Community Affairs** – announced upcoming events. Wished all the father's a Happy Father's Day. His next meeting is 7/2 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Don** – brought up the hardware store at Rt. 30 and New Road. He feels it looks terrible there.

**Kim – Economic Development** – Her next meeting will be 7/2 @ 6:30 p.m. She spoke on Ord. #8 on agenda tonight to change the Site Plan Waiver process. She also congratulated the graduates.

**Mayor** – he worked on the grant funding for the Absecon Creek project and is optimistic we will get it. He congratulated the graduates also; it was a nice event. He commented on Res. #118, for a shared service agreement to refute the Fair Share Housing Center's report for our third round obligations.

**Jessica** – spoke on a couple of resolutions on the agenda.

#### **Monthly Reports - Carie**

Tax Collection \$3,017,318.15

Court – \$9,062.17

Clerk's - \$11,075

Construction - \$13,982

**Chris** – read a thank you letter from Glenn Hayden with regards to the Memorial Day Parade

#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to the public- Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

**Jerry Hoenes – 740 Shelburne Ave.** – he lives a block from Heritage Park and is concerned about groups using the park and the parking that would be needed. He's leery about letting outside groups using the park. Suggested large groups should use Pitney Park if possible. As to the rec director, he would rather see it be a youth director. There is nothing much for the kids to do in this town. He would like to see what the duties would be. If the work is what ASAC should be doing, then before hiring you should really take a good look at that decision, because you could be opening a can of worms.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Vizthum - second – Councilman Camp

All were in favor.

## REGULAR MEETING

### 2015 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 08** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 224 – Land Use and Development, Article XX-Site Plan Review, Section 224-118-Applicability

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring

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

### 2015 ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

- 06** Authorizing the Grant of Right of Way Easement to the County of Atlantic.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Camp

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

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

All were in favor.

**Chris** - this is to grant the County a Right of Way at Pitney Park across the street from the entrance to the Visions development for the installation of a traffic light

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

All were in favor. Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

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

- 07** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, abolishing Chapter 172- Curfew.

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

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

Motion to open to public – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

**Jim** – it's basically a housekeeping item. It was pointed out to us that we needed to follow the federal guidelines and this is unenforceable.

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

All were in favor.

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

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

**116** Accepting a Performance Guarantee for AB Visions – Block 9.02 Lot 3.02. Building #5.

**117** Accepting a Performance Guarantee for AB Visions – Block 9.02 Lot 3.02. Building #8.

**118** Municipal Shared Service Agreement for the joint retention of an expert to refute the Fair Share Housing Center's report on statewide third round obligations.

**119** Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the 2014 Road Improvement Program for the City of Absecon.

**120** Authorizing to advertise for a Part-Time Plumbing Subcode Official with an HHS License.

**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.

Resolutions #116 to #120 were moved in the Consent Agenda.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,529,587.89**

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Camp

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes, abstain A0005; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes –6/4/2015

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

All were in favor.

**Jerry Hoenes – 740 Shelburne Ave.** – asked about the performance bonds for acceptance on the agenda tonight. We have many houses that are bad disarray and hopes we are going after them. Tomorrow the work at the school all five separate contractors will be there to start the work at the schools. Hopes by the end of the summer most of the work will be complete.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Ring - second – Councilman Camp

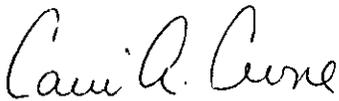
All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 7-2-15