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CITY COUNCIL
JULY 2, 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 – moment of silence

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Cain

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

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW - Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING BEING RECORDED – Chris

REPORTS

Public Works – no meeting since last council meeting – road program is running smoothly

Jim - Public Safety – no meeting since last council as well. Wished everyone a safe holiday

Frank - Parks & Playground – nothing new to report. His next meeting is on 7/21. The salary ordinance for introduction tonight will include the new rec director and hopes it gets passed.

Jessica – this will establish the position and the range will be \$2,500 to \$7,500 and it can be determined once the full process is complete. The solicitor is working up an ordinance for the nature of the activities and job duties.

Tim – he hopes to have a draft sent by email next week. The duties and job description will be included in the ordinance

Discussion on the procedure, process and the steps that will be taken to fill the position was held.

Don - Finance – no report – his next meeting will be on 7/16 @ 6 p.m.

Mike – Community Affairs – announced upcoming events in town. His next meeting is 8/6. Wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. Referred to Res. #122 and #123 on tonight's agenda for coin drops. He doesn't agree with #122 since they are not an Absecon based group. The city's fields are only used by Absecon groups as well.

Chief DeRitis – it was discussed before he signed off on it. He doesn't like outside groups asking for money either.

Chris – why don't we table it for now and if it's not clearly Absecon based they have to have more than 50% Absecon residents on their team?

It was agreed to table it and check the roster of players.

Kim – Economic Development – asked residents to support our local businesses. The new florist on NJ Ave. does a wonderful job. She is putting welcome bags together for the new residents at Absecon Gardens. The maps for NJ Transit of the local businesses is still being worked on. Her next meeting is on 8/6 @ 6:30 p.m. The second reading of Ord. #8 for the new site plan waiver process is on the agenda tonight. Happy 4th of July to all.

Mayor – the Pitney House was purchased by the Fitzgeralds and will reopen it as a B&B. The old City Hall is empty now and he reached out to AtlantiCare and the Shore Physicians Group to see if they would be interested in a possible clinic or offices for their "back of the house" operations. We are currently filing papers with the Court dealing with our third round obligations for affordable housing requirements. A grant application was filed for the work down at Absecon Creek. He's been in touch with the NJDOT regarding several issues. We are dealing with a lot of foreclosed homes and the banks are required to register and give a responsible person in charge of the property maintenance and we are working on a list for that. Amboy Bank (Visions) has completed all they need to do for the funding from FMHA but they haven't released the money for all the applications they approved yet and we won't get our money until they close on that. They are hoping by September it will happen. He spoke about another incident at Oyster Bay and he and the Chief and a couple other Officers plan on meeting with the management on 7/15 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chris – asked the Chief about the salary tracking and it looks like the overtime is down but comp time is up. Wanted to know if there was an answer for that.

Chief – there are a lot of things that play into it. We've cut back on administration and have an extra guy in the detective bureau and an extra guy on patrol. The detective got a cold case his first day and he was able to solve it and get some possessions returned to the owner that were stolen. He made a suggestion that the rec director get reappointed every year just like the Class II officers.

Jessica – gave a budget update. We've expended 53% of the budget so we are right on track and in good shape with that. Some of the capital items that are being move on are: the 2015 road program; the Girl Scout Lodge is underway with the asbestos and lead paint removal; the park lighting; the Public Works dump truck has been ordered; the flooring in City Hall and the police car has been ordered. Our Bond note is up in August and bids will be coming in now. As of July 1st the minimum bid threshold has been increased from \$36,000 to \$40,000. The rental registration is on the agenda tonight and it's been discussed in the finance committee. Every owner will have to register the rental units and an inspection will be done every year. The fees will be \$25 for registration and the inspection is \$75 each year. The park usage forms are completed and ready to be used. Referred to Res. #124, 125 on the agenda. She is still trying to get our background check documents back from Galloway.

Carie – introduced Teri, the new Deputy Clerk.

Chris – there are still continuing complaints regarding the odor at Bel Air Lakes coming from the ACUA landfill. The ACUA has responded and they have started to cap it as of 6/15 and the contractor hit a gas well this week, which compromised our gas smell. The rain has also been a problem and the pumps have had some problems. They confirmed that the lights are not being used now at night.

He's concerned about the work load that Code Enforcement will have with all the homes being foreclosed on.

Discussion of Atlantic City and the County taxes was held.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor.

Jerry Hoenes – 740 Shelburne Ave. – he is opposed to coin drops for anyone. Regarding the Rec Director, he has concerns to the process, not the need of hiring someone. He looked into Galloway, Northfield, Linwood and Somers Point and reported on what he found. Thinks more research and planning should be done on it before it's finalized.

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

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

2015 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 09** Creating Section 151 of the Code of the City of Absecon entitled "Rental Property, Registration and Certificate of Habitability".

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring

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

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

Motion for introduction – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Camp

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

2015 ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

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 second reading – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Camp

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

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

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

ROLL CALL: Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, 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.

- 121 Authorizing the execution of a Right of Way Agreement between the City of Absecon and Fiber Technologies, LLC.
- 122 Permitting a Charitable Organization, to solicit funds, namely the Atlantic United Soccer. **TABLED**
- 123 Permitting a Charitable Organization, to solicit funds, namely the Absecon 911 Memorial Fund.
- 124 Appointing a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, namely Teri Giercyk
- 125 Urging the New Jersey Department of Transportation to repair potholes on Absecon Boulevard in the City of Absecon.

Resolutions #121,123,124,125 were moved in the Consent Agenda.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – 227,562.93

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Camp

ROLL CALL: Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes abstain B0139; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –6/18/2015

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

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

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Carrie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 7/16/15