



**CITY OF ABSECON**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

Chris announced that Councilman Camp passed away suddenly on Tuesday and we all miss him and he asked for a moment of silence in his remembrance.

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Edward Davis, Absecon United Methodist Church – Don's services will be held at the church on Saturday morning.

**STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW** – Chris

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING** - Chris

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Ring

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

**REPORTS**

**Jim – Finance** – the next meeting will be 2/18 and the budget meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

**Frank - Public Works** – his family's thoughts and prayers go out to Don's family. He will be missed beyond words. He was a great asset to the City and I will miss him. They met on Monday and discussed the tennis courts and the cracking issues. The contractor is not sure of the problem causing the cracking, so there is no resolve yet. Eddie is going to see what the costs will be. His next meeting is 3/7 @ 6 p.m. Public Works did a great job for the snow clean up.

**Eddie** – described more of the cracking issues at the tennis courts.

**Chris** – do we have any liability or warranty from the contractor?

**Eddie** – no, he did what he was hired to do. He has come out to reseal the cracks at no cost and they are now looking into getting it repaired.

**Frank** – any update on the dock?

**Jessica** – yes, Lloyd did some temporary fixes and he's trying to get someone to permanently fixing it.

**Jim – Public Safety** – met on Tuesday night and the Police have received approval for a drop box for drugs in our lobby. Chief DeRitis brought on two officers to help him with the DARE program. The storm was uneventful for the most part. The fire department is buying radios they need and looking at options to replace the Chief's Suburban truck. Absecon EMS is going to be discussed at the next meeting. They submitted information and requests for the coming year. They are asking for a rate increase for next year. His next meeting is 3/1 @ 6 p.m.

**Sandy – Parks & Playgrounds** – haven't met yet. Her first meeting is 2/16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Kim – Community Affairs** – announced upcoming events. Next meeting is 3/3 @ 6 p.m.

**Kim – Economic Development** – Don loved the City and always worked for the betterment of it. He was only open to discuss things when they didn't see eye to eye. She will miss him very much and her thoughts and prayers are with his family.

We are moving ahead with CGI communication videos for our website. There will be 5 short ones showcasing our city and the school as well. We are trying to attract some retail stores to come here as well. Her next meeting is 3/3 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Mayor** – he echoed the comments about Don. He was a good and decent man who loved this town so much. He was a hardworking Council member and will be greatly missed. He then gave an update on the lawsuit on the Fair Housing. A meeting is set up for 2/13 at 10:00 a.m. for those who hold an interest the redevelopment of the Absecon Creek area.

**Jessica Thompson** – explained Ord. #1 dealing with the Commercial Vehicles and #3 dealing with the Boat Ramp fees that are both for introduction tonight. Ord. #2 is for adoption and then Res. #42 can then be approved, having shared services with the County. #41 is approving the Safety Contract with JIF. #43 will give all non-union employees a 2% raise. #44 allows the tax sales to be done online now and it will not be done in City Hall any more. #48 is applying for a grant. Dave Buchanan, one of our dispatchers ask that a resolution be done for next meeting for him to run the Unity Tour that they did last year or two. She is finishing with the regular budget and is working on the capital budget costs and will get it out to everyone soon.

**Brad Smith** – Chairman of the Green Team – spoke on Res. #47. He has submitted a work plan to Council and he explained projects that they would like to do. They are applying for a grant and hopes they receive that. Their meetings are the first Wednesday of each month and the public is always welcome. They'd like to be more involved with what's going on in the City and possibly securing an intern who'd be the one to do this type of job.

**Eddie Dennis** - he compiled a detailed list of projects that are needed around town and that have been discussed over the year and will be getting it to everyone for them to discuss. A lot of work begins once the capital budget is in place and we are working on the 2016 road program. The 2015 road program will be completed in the spring.

**Chris** - discussed the Cherry Court turning radius problem for delivery trucks and the signage on the bank property. He asked Eddie to go check it out. He also questioned the traffic light at five corners and if the turning arrow can be looked at.  
He spoke on Don's passing and hopes to fill his shoes the best that they can.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **2016 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

- 01** Creating Chapter 270 of the Code of Absecon establishing regulations for prohibition of commercial vehicles in residential zones.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

- 03** Amending Section 250-23 of the Code of The City of Absecon granting a discounted price to veterans for seasonal permits required to use the Faunce Landing Boat Ramp.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

### **2016 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION**

- 02** Requiring the registration and maintenance of certain real property by mortgagee; providing for penalties and enforcement and regulation of abandoned real property within the City of Absecon.

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

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

Motion to open to the public – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilwoman Cain

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.**

- 41 Authorizing the Mayor and other City Officials to execute a 2016 Safety Contract with the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
- 42 Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the purpose of establishing the vacant foreclosed home registry system with Community Champions.
- 43 Authorizing the 2016 Salaries for Non-Union Employees.
- 44 Authorizing the Tax Collector to complete an application to participate in the electronic tax sale program.
- 45 Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Lions Club of Absecon.
- 46 Granting a Raffle License to the Holy Spirit Mothers guild.
- 47 Supporting the Green Teams submission for the sustainable Jersey Grant Application.
- 48 Authorization for an application for Community Development Block Grant Funding.

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 - \$1,396,203.17**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/21/16  
 Closed Session as to form and content only – 1/21/16  
 Motion for approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton  
 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,

  
 Carrie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 2/18/16