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CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 7, 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

INVOCATION – Rev. Tom Douglass, Highland Community Church, Galloway

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW – Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING - Chris

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, Sheeran, Horton, Phillips, Ring Vizthum, Seher

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong, Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone & Leon Costello, auditor

PUBLIC HEARING – 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

All were in favor.

Jessica – we are doing the adoption of the budget and she gave a short synopsis and general summary.

No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

Leon Costello – the budget is in compliance with all the cap laws. We should not see a spiking of the County Tax as we have in the past this year.

REPORTS

Pat – Finance – no report but the audit will be discussed at the next meeting

Frank - Public Works – explained Res. #73 & 78. The boat ramp repairs are coming along nicely. Leaf pick up has begun. We received a grant for NJ Ave. repairs. The flashing signal light at the school cross walk and the County hopes to have the design done by the end of the month. The Turner Ave. project has been issued a permit from the DEP but there is a need for a wetland study. The Lions Blind center has requested a cross walk sign so motorists are aware at Crestview Ave. His next meeting is 5/2 @ 6 p.m. He has heard that Route 30 into AC will be getting paved this year some time.

Mayor – the DOT claims within a month they will begin the work. The ladders have been installed at the boat ramp and construction is complete now.

Jim – Public Safety – met Tuesday night and they discussed a request from NJ Transit to add a bus stop at the corner of California Avenue and New Road. The committee did approve that and Jessica will now give the City's approval. The wording to our towing ordinance is being adjusted. The fire department needs to get updated safety vests and parts are being ordered on the lighting on engine 85 and they are looking to try and get a military vehicle. Ord. #7 is on for adoption which addresses administrative changes to the department.

Sandy – Parks & Playgrounds – heard that some residents are grateful for the new signage during the Lacrosse games and thanked the Mayor. She met with Pete Higbee and the concert list is getting finalized. They had a very successful basketball tournament and thanked Pete Higbee and his crew for that. Her next meeting will be 4/19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mayor – ticketing will start this weekend, so spread the word to the neighbors NOT to park on the south side. They can park behind the school as well.

Mike – Community Affairs – Ord. #1 is on for adoption and Res. #74 a raffle permit are on the agenda. Met tonight and he listed the evens happening in the near future.

Kim – Economic Development – she attended some of the 3rd and 4th grade basketball games and it was so exciting when our boys won. They attended an ABCD meeting last week and they had a guest speaker and he will be coming to their next meeting to give ideas of developing our business district. 4 free videos will be made promoting our city and scripts are being prepared. Pep Boys is getting ready to open. Her next meeting is 5/5 @ 6:30 p.m.

Frank – congratulated Pat Sheeran for being sworn in as a Trustee for the ABCD.

Mayor – we were approved for a \$196,000 state grant for repairs for NJ Avenue. As of today, Faunce Landing Road is open again. As part of the reconstruction of Route 30 to Delilah Road, they will be resequencing the traffic signal at Turner Avenue. They will extend the all red clearance times. He found out today that the DEP is seeking approval to dredge Absecon Creek and they anticipate it happening in the Fall.

Chris – nobody mentioned that the County gave us approval to siphon off some of our money that we are going to use for the Redevelopment Project on the Creek to cover some costs of our Planning Board professionals.

Jessica Thompson – explained the bond ordinance on the agenda and Res #71, which is an examination of the budget; #77 due to a retirement, we will be having a position open. The two grants that we will be receiving will be on the next meeting's agenda. The electronic tax sale is getting finalized for 5/25.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain
All were in favor.

Brian Morris – 178 E. Wyoming Ave. – questioned the parking of his dump truck in his driveway and if he still will be able to

Tim – if you are in a residential zone, then you won't be able to

Marc Catona – 22 New Jersey Ave. – he contacted the DOT about the street outside his business, who was then told him to contact the County and they said the City should be able to fix it. He pays his taxes to the City and they should be responsible to fix it. He still is having a problem with the Cross Fit gym and today he was denied by the Court to hear this case. He wants to know what he does next now.

Discussion was held about his case that was denied by the Court.

Motion to close public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring
All were in favor.

Pat – suggested having a parking permit for homeowners across the street from the school. They would be free and they could put them in their windows and give them a few extras and we wouldn't need signs put up.

Chris – the least simple measure was the signs, so we are trying this first. If it doesn't work, then we will try that.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2016 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 09 Bond Ordinance providing for various capital improvements in and by the City of Absecon, appropriating \$1,680,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,596,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the City to finance part of the cost thereof.**

Motion for introduction – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

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

2016 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

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

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

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

Motion to open to the public – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

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

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

07 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 69 – Police Department.

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

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

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

Chris – explained these items are to be bring the department into compliance with a review that was done. We will then be certified next year.

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

All were in favor.

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

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

08 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 330 to designate a Multi-way stop intersection at Haddon Avenue and Traymore Parkway.

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

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

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

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

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, 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.

- 71 Authorizing the self-examination of the 2016 Budget.
- 72 Adopting the 2016 Municipal Budget.
- 73 Authorizing the City Clerk to issue Boat Ramp Permits to the local marinas.
- 74 Granting a Raffle License to the Holy Spirit High School Girls' Crew.
- 75 Appointing a member and Re-assigning existing members to the Absecon Zoning Board.
- 76 Appointing a part-time Fire Official, namely Edward Vincent.
- 77 Authorizing the need to advertise for a part time tax clerk.
- 78 Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding under round 2 of the Flood Hazard Risk Reduction and Resiliency Grant Program.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$463,389.62

Motion to approve – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilman Ring
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, abstain on G0041, H0064 and T0016; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 03/17/16

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

Pat – asked Mr. Catona to give the documentation he puts together to the City Administrator who will then give it to the appropriate council members.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 4-21-16