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CITY COUNCIL

JULY 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 – Councilman Ring

INVOCATION – Worship Vocalist – Vince Maven, Absecon
STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW – Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING - Chris

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Cain, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

REGULAR MEETING

REPORTS

Frank - Public Works – did not meet in July due to the holiday. His next meeting will be 8/1. The new carpet and chairs in the court room are completed as you can see. The retaining wall is finished at the ballfields. Trees and limbs are being cut around town so if you see something that needs cutting please report it. The gazebo has been repaired again. The street sweeper was out as well. Small asphalt patching that Public Works can do will begin soon. There was a pre-construction meeting on July 5th for the road program and it should start within the next few weeks. The Route 30 work begins on July 11th and they should only be doing curbing and guide rails and maintenance work before the paving begins, hopefully after the summer. Ord. #10 is on for tonight for Verizon to do some work on their equipment.

Jessica – it's really a public utilities agreement that is replacing the 50 year agreement that allows them to maintain their equipment when needed.

Chris – they did come in to talk to us and explained that 90% of their poles are above ground. They gave us a contact person if need be.

Frank - the electric company ran the conduit and the lights should be installed at the wagon wheel to the parking lot soon.

Jim - Public Safety – met Tuesday and the fire department brought them up to speed on the highway vehicle and maintenance schedule. Chief Bruner from the EMS discussed their budget which will be passed out to everyone and the finance committee will review it. They are doing well volunteer wise and was able to get into an agreement with ACIT and ACCC for their students to do internships. There was an Emergency Management meeting last night that discussed scenarios in case of a hurricane. He hopes more meetings will be held and it was suggested more designees be assigned to handle more responsibilities.

Pat – explained different procedures that he thinks should be taken and how people on the committee should know specifically their duties would entail. More meetings should be held.

Kim - Parks and Playgrounds – baseball nets have been repaired and look amazing. Concerts are going well. The soccer field lights will be replaced and Public Works will be helping out with the job. ASAC members are working upstairs on the second floor at the wagon wheel. Lloyd and his crew are doing a great job at keeping the fields in good shape. No smoking at the fields was discussed, so there is a recommendation for signs to be posted. The committee feels a fence is not necessary around Heritage Park at this time. The equipment is a good distance from Ambassador Avenue.

Kim - Economic Development – they feel that the CGI videos are ready now. The subdivision on Chelsea Road was discussed and our economic future. Hoping to get the shop owners to meet and suggest a few ideas to get people to move in.

Pat – he feels the critical thing now is to get the land owners in at the same time not the renters

Mike – Community Affairs – met tonight and discussed the 9/11 ceremony. They are looking for tile setters. Upcoming events were announced. Next meeting will be 8/4 at 6 p.m.

Pat – Finance – no meeting until 7/21

Jessica – explained Ord. #9 regarding the bond ordinance, which is being redone due to a discrepancy in a date. She expects getting a good rate for our note sale. She read the remaining resolutions to be approved. The certified tax rate came in from the County and Absecon's is going up 4.1 cents even though the city reduced it 3.1 cents. The county has an increase of 1.9 cents and the school went up 5.3 cents. The tax bills will go out in the next few weeks. The due date of August 1st will then be extended.

Chris – he asked Eddie to work up a price to review the flooding issues at Jenkins Pond as well as how much speed bumps cost to be installed. He announced the vacancies on the Zoning Board.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Carl Robinson – 414 Pitney Road – questioned Ord. #9 and the costs of the projects for the work to be done at Faunce Landing Road and Turner Avenue.

Chris – asked Jessica to get the numbers and the scope of the work for these projects

Carl – asked what the status of the projects were. He only hears about the Turner Avenue project. He feels Faunce Landing should be addressed.

Chris – explained the procedure and why they're held up

Carl - what's happening with the Redevelopment Plan for the creek area? He's concerned because his property might fall into that area.

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2016 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

13 An Ordinance regulating the statutory authority of Verizon New Jersey, Inc., its successors and assigns to use the various public streets, roads, avenues, highways and other public ways in the City of Absecon, Atlantic County, New Jersey for its local and through lines and other communications facilities and prescribing the conditions thereof.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

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

2016 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

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 second reading – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

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

All were in favor.

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Sheeran

All were in favor

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

ROLL CALL: 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.

- 116** Authorizing the continuance of an inter-local services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the administration of the Program Income from the Housing Rehabilitation Grant.
- 117** Renewing Alcoholic Beverage Licenses within the City of Absecon.
- 118** Authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes on the property located at 504 Sooy Lane, (Blk 21, Lot 31).
- 119** Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayments of taxes for the 2nd quarter of 2016 on properties that are owned by Exempt Veterans.

- 120 Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayments of taxes for the 2nd quarter of 2016 on properties due to the homestead rebate program.
- 121 Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund taxes on the property located at 151 E. Wyoming Ave. (Blk 89, Lot 7).

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$412,230.84

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 6/16/16
Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring
ROLL CALL: Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

CLOSED SESSION - #122

Motion to enter into closed session – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Sheeran
All were in favor.

Tim – the reason for closed session is employee/contract matters. The length of the session should be about 15 minutes or so.

Chris – it's now been approximately 35 minutes since we entered into closed session.

Tim – we discussed only the one matter concerning the PBA and a grievance and an update concerning that grievance. No action will be taken tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 7/21/16