



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

**JANUARY 7, 2021**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - 5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Carie Crone, Municipal Clerk

**FLAG SALUTE**

**INVOCATION** – Father Cosme, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

**STATEMENT OF THE SUNSHINE LAW**  
**NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED**

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

Elizabeth “Betty” Howell, Councilperson, Ward 1 – oath was administered by Assemblyman Mazzeo

Donald Burroughs, Councilperson, Ward 2 – oath was administered by Assemblyman Mazzeo

Mayor – Kimberly Horton – oath was administered by Assemblyman Mazzeo

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Burroughs, Cain, Cavileer, Howell, Light, Bennett

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Horton, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Nomination for Keith Bennett was made by Councilwoman Howell – second – Councilman Burroughs

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

**ROLL CALL:** Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes

Administration of Oath of Office was given by Assemblyman Mazzeo

## **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

Nomination for Betty Howell was made by Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Cavileer  
No other nominations. Nominations closed.

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes

Administration of Oath of Office was given by Assemblyman Mazzeo

## **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS BY RESOLUTION – 2021**

- 01** Appointing a Municipal Judge, namely John Rosenberger, Esq.

Motion to approve – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes;

**Kim** – announced other appointments: Planning Board – Darren Clinkscale, Alt. II and Jessica Thompson, as Municipal Official  
Library Board – Carol Phillips

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – FOR THE YEAR 2021**

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.

- 02** Authorizing the annual schedule of Regular Meetings of Absecon City Council for the calendar year 2021.
- 03** Confirming meetings of City Committees, Commissions and Boards for the year 2021.
- 04** Awarding a contract for professional services for a City Auditor.  
Bowman & Co. LLP
- 05** Awarding a contract for professional services of a City Attorney.  
Alfred Scerni, Jr. of Parker McCay
- 06** Awarding a contract for professional services for a Labor Attorney.  
Blaney & Karavan
- 07** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Public Defender.  
Mark Stein, Esq.
- 08** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services for a Municipal Prosecutor.  
Kristopher Facenda, Esq.

- 09 Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a City Planner.  
Edward Dennis, Remington & Vernick, Engineers
- 10 Awarding a contract for professional services for a City Engineer.  
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- 11 Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Bond Counsel.  
Anthony Solimine, Esq. of Wilentz
- 12 Authorizing the Tax Assessor as the Agent in Adjustment appeals to reduce assessments.
- 13 Designating the Interest and Penalty rate on unpaid taxes.
- 14 Designating the official newspapers.
- 15 Adopting the Cash Management Plan of the City of Absecon.
- 16 Establishing the 2021 Temporary Budget for Current Fund and Sewer Utility Fund.
- 17 Appointing a Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund namely, Michael F. Thomas, Glenn Insurance
- 18 Appointing a Councilperson to the Planning Board, namely Betty Howell, 1 year
- 19 Appointing a Mercantile License Clerk, namely Carie A. Crone, RMC
- 20 Appointing a Lien Clerk for the City of Absecon.  
Jessica A. Snyder, CTC
- 21 Appointing an Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, namely Tina Lawler, 3 years.
- 22 Authorizing the Tax Office to accept overpayments of tax and sewer and requiring exact change for other cash payments.
- 23 Ensuring Time Capsule to be opened in the year 2052.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Howell  
ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS** was given by Mayor Kim Horton

## **COMMENTS**

**Betty** – thanked her running mates; City Council and Caleb Cavalier for their efforts and endless support and time throughout her first term. She thanked former Mayor Pete Elco; and Dick, her husband who made the final decision for her to run again and a special thank you to her brother and sister who give her endless support. She has grown up in Absecon and her heart is in Absecon and her decisions are always for what she thinks is best for Absecon. She is proud to be given the opportunity to serve and give back to the community again.

**Steve** – wished everyone a happy new year and send his congratulations to those who were sworn in tonight.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Howell

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes

No comments

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Burroughs

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 1-21-21