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#### **CITY COUNCIL**

#### **OCTOBER 7, 2021**

#### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Howell at 5:30 p.m.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Burroughs, Cain, Cavileer, Larotonda, Light, Poley, Howell ABSENT:

**ALSO PRESENT**: Mayor Kim Horton; City Attorney, Fred Scerni; Jessica Thompson, Administrator/CFO; Carie Crone, City Clerk, Ed Dennis, City Engineer

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

## **2021 RESOLUTIONS**

- Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 1114 Plymouth Landing Road, Blk 1.01, Lot 2.08.
- Authoring the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2022 Safe Routes to School Program.

Eddie Dennis – we are submitting a grant application to the State DOT to install curb and sidewalk on Crestview Avenue between Pitney Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. It is due a week from tomorrow.

132 Authorizing the appointment of a Plumbing Sub Code Official for the City of Absecon.

Jessica Thompson, Admin. – we authorized to advertise at a previous meeting and this is the person that will fill this position and his name is Joseph Smith.

## **PUBLIC PORTION (for agenda items)**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Larotonda All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close to the public – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilwoman Cain All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA - Resolutions read by title that have been moved to consent.

Motion to approve – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Larotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, yes

## APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$814,595.29

Motion to approve – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilwoman Cain ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Larotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, yes

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 9/16/2021 Motion to approve – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Larotonda ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Larotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, yes

### **REPORTS**

Jessica Thompson, Admin/CFO – shred and clean up day is Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12. The audit was emailed to all of council for their review and it will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for approval. The new recycling carts have been delivered and should be used immediately. She hopes the residents will find them useful as well as being a part of keeping the community clean. The library has joined the Atlantic County library system as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and everything is moving along smoothly. She thanked the library employees and recognized Barbara Wilson.

Eddie Dennis, City Engineer – the 2021 road program is complete and we are going over the punch lists and some loose ends to tie up. The Shore Road project design is almost done and will be sent to the County for their approval and will share more details later. He hopes to bid for it within 30-60 days and construction start by the end of the year.

Councilman Cavileer – asked what side of Crestview Avenue would be getting the sidewalk done Eddie – the South side

Councilman Light – with the Crestview project, could the old laconnelli's property be included in this? What is the status of the dredging?

Eddie – we can see if we are successful with the grant and then we can look at it. As to the dredging, he reminded everyone that it's a state project and they are hoping to be completed by November. They are still discussing the area from the boat ramp towards the White Horse Pike. Steve – questioned the rest of the Pitney Road project and the possibility of asking the County to install a light at California Ave. and Shore Road; speeding is a problem and accidents happen. Eddie – everything was signed off on the Pitney Road project and the County has to do their part. He can check with the County and see what they think.

Mayor Horton – she read a proclamation for Barbara Wilson, who ran the library for many years and recently passed away. She recognized the other employees and the board who worked there for many years as well. The transition to the county taking over went well on October 1<sup>st</sup>. She thanked Jessica and Jenn Harvey for the communications department transfer to Galloway. She thanked Deb Reilly for the second movie in the park night. She thanked the police department for the touch a truck event.

Council President Howell - she also recognized Barbara Wilson and the city will miss her

Chief Laughlin – reminded residents that the days are getting shorter and to be careful with the children walking and riding around on their bikes

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilman Larotonda All were in favor.

Motion to close public – Councilman Larotonda – second – Councilman Cavileer All were in favor.

Council President Howell – thanked Deb Reilly, Office Epstein and Lt. Adams, the police, fire and ambulance departments and Community Affairs for another successful movie in the park, which seems to be very popular. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> is the fire house open house.

Councilwoman Cain – reminded the residents of the Halloween decorating contest. Nominations are until 10/25 and the judging will be 10/28.

Councilman Light -- asked to keep Coach Rob Mancinelli and his family in our thoughts and prayers as he is struggling with an illness.

Councilman Larotonda – echoed those comments and thanked the police department as well as community affairs for movie in the park. The event was a hit and there was a great turnout. He thanked Eddie for allowing him and Betty to walk Crestview Avenue and working on getting us the grant for the sidewalks. He feels it will be a good thing for the residents and the town.

## <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 10-21-21

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