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CITY COUNCIL

February 3rd, 2022

REGULAR MEETING - 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Betty Howell.

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: all Council Present

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Horton, Jessica Thompson, Bill Blaney, Carie Crone and Edward Dennis

STATEMENT OF THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

PRESENTATION – Community Affairs – Pop-Up Snow Brigade Challenge Award Recipient.
Councilwoman Poley and Councilman Cavileer presented Alex Newhall with the award for helping his neighbors shovel snow during the storm.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2021 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

01 An Ordinance establishing Salary Ranges for the City of Absecon.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilman Burroughs

Jessica – this is just routine to set the ranges for salaries.

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

2022 RESOLUTIONS

- 31** Amending Resolution #02-2022, confirming meeting of the City Committees, Commissions and Boards for the year 2022.

Jessica – the only change is the time of the Public Safety Meetings to 4:30.

- 32** Permitting a Charitable Organization to Solicit Funds, namely the Charles A. Hammell Post 28, American Legion.

Jessica – all paperwork is in and has been approved by the Chief.

- 33** Amending Resolution #107-2019, allowing the Mayor to enter into an inter-local agreement with Atlantic County regarding Flashing Signal Equipment at various locations.

Jessica – do to circumstance at the County level there is a need to extend the contract for two years to complete the project.

- 34** Authorizing 2022 Salaries for Non-Union Employees.

Jessica – this will be a 2% increase with an additional increase in hourly range for Crossing Guards.

- 35** Specifying the amount of a Cannabis License Application fee.

Jessica – the fee will be \$200.00 and applications are available of the City's website.

PUBLIC PORTION – (For Agenda items only)

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

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Poley

All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

Betty read: Resolutions 31 through 35 by title.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Light - second – Councilman Larotonda

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$1,282,471.37

Motion to accept: 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 – 1/16/2021

Motion to accept: – Councilman Light - second – Councilwoman Cain

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

Betty asked if any Councilperson had a report.

REPORTS

Donna Poley – Community Affairs. Martin Luther King Clean-up was postponed and will be rescheduled in the near future. Mentioned again about the Pop-up Snow Brigade contest and about helping and getting to know your neighbors. Valentines for Vets. Winter Book and Puzzle Swap, 2/8 from 5-7. The heart with Lock for Love has been placed again in Heritage Park. Senior Dinner, May 1st.

Sandy Cain – Didn't have a meeting. Next meeting will start the new time, 4:30. Had a good meeting with all emergency and public safety prior to snow storm. And wanted to say great job and thank you to the Public Works Department.

Caleb Cavileer – No meeting update. Next meeting 2/17. We will be having Budget Meeting on 2/10 and 2/24.

Butch Burroughs – No Meeting update. Next meeting 2/15. Thank Public Works for hard work and job well done during snow storm.

Nick Larotonda – No meeting update. Next meeting 3/2.

Jessica Thompson – Thanked Public Works and Emergency Services. Announced we received a credit and apology from ACUA for yard waste delays. Explained work will be done to complete the project of update the City's Code Book.

Eddie Dennis – Capital Projects will be presented at the 2/10 Budget Meeting. Shore Rd. project with County, plans done waiting on property acquisition. 2022 Road Program in design. New York Ave. Sub-Division will be part of the Road Program. Had a meeting again and new design was presented with 2 Cul-de-sacs. Highland Blvd. and New York connect with Pedestrian/Bike Path and also can be used as emergency access way.

Steve Light – asked about a Redevelopment Map of Buildable Lots.

Ed – Believes they already have one and he'll set up with Steve to go over it.

Mayor Horton – thanked Emergency Management Teams and Public Works.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Mr. Cunningham – 34 E. Woodland – Spoke with VanDrew and was told with the Cares Act money there would be a distribution for Essential Employees.

Jessica – advised Mr. Cunningham that the City chose not to go that route with the money and would be using it for infrastructure.

Mr. Lawson – Lives in Pleasantville – Wanted to know where he could get the application for Cannabis.

Jessica – Applications are available on the City's website.

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Burroughs
All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilman LaRotonda
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 2/17/22