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CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6TH, 2025 6:30 PM
MINUTES

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Alex Clark, Linda Evans, Nick LaRotonda, Christine Parker, Mike Sykes, and Council President Richard DeRose

ABSENT: Councilman Steve Light

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Marrone, City Solicitor John Amenhauser Esq., City Clerk Carie Crone, Police Chief J.R. Laughlin

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2025 RESOLUTION OUT OF CONSENT

- 45** Consenting to the appointment of Lieutenant to the City of Absecon Police Department, namely Daniel Krause.

Motioned to move Resolution #45-2025: Councilwoman Parker; Seconded: Councilman Clark
Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans - Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes; DeRose – Yes

Chief Laughlin: Had the honor of training Daniel. Dan has been dedicated to serving the Absecon community since 2011. He most recently served as a Sergeant supervising Squad 3. Before that, he played vital role in leading the Criminal Investigation Division. Excited to welcome Daniel as a member of the command staff. Praised his dedication and leadership.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Oath administered by Mayor Thomas Marrone. Standing with D. Krause is his loving family, including his wife Rachel and their sons Patrick and Owen.

Lt. Krause: Thanked everyone for their support. Expressed excitement to begin working in this new capacity.

2025 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 02** To exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A-45.14).

Motioned for the first reading of Ordinance #02-25: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilwoman Evans

Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans - Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes; DeRose - Yes

This Ordinance will be posted, laid over, and published according to law. A Public Hearing, second, and final reading will be held on 20th, 2025.

2025 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

Motioned for the second reading of Ordinance #01-2025: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilman Sykes

Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans - Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes; DeRose - Yes

- 01** Establishing salary ranges for the City of Absecon.

Motioned to open the meeting to the public for comment or discussion of Ordinance #01-2025: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilman LaRotonda
All in Favor, None Opposed.

No Discussion.

Motioned to close the public portion: Councilman Sykes; Seconded: Councilman Clark
All in Favor, None Opposed.

Motioned for the final reading and adoption of Ordinance #01-2025: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilman LaRotonda

Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans - Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes; DeRose - Yes

Ordinance #01-2025 has been heard and is finally approved.

2025 RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 46** Accepting a Volunteer Firefighter into the Absecon City Fire Department, namely Zachary Moninghoff.

- 47 Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Absecon Blue Devils.
- 49 Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Absecon VFW Post 9462 Auxiliary.
- 50 Authorizing the City Clerk to issue Boat Ramp Permits to local marinas.
- 51 Authorizing the transfer of appropriation reserves in the 2024 Local Municipal Budget per N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59.
- 52 Authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final for the reconstruction of Woodcrest Avenue and Chelsea Road project.
- 53 Authorizing the participant's resolution for the LEAP Implementation Grant for Highway Digital Message Boards.
- 54 Authorizing the participant's resolution for the LEAP Implementation Grant for Speed Feedback Signs.
- 55 Authorizing to advertise for the position of Recycling/Zoning Assistant.
- 56 Certifying the Governing Body is in compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Right Acts of 1964"
- 57 Appointing an interim Construction Official, namely Patrick Malia.
- 58 Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Trinity Code Inspections, LLC.

PUBLIC PORTION – (Agenda items only)

Motioned to open to the public: Councilman Sykes; Seconded: Councilman Clark
All in Favor, None Opposed.

No discussion.

Motioned to close to the public: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilman LaRotonda
All in Favor, None Opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Motioned to move Consent Agenda: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilman LaRotonda
Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans - Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes;
DeRose – Yes

2025 RESOLUTIONS – OUT OF CONSENT

- 48** Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Charles a. Hammel Post 28 American Legion.

Motioned to move Resolution #48-2025: Councilman LaRotonda; Seconded: Councilman Clark
Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans - Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes; DeRose – Abstain

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$870,764.17

Motioned to accept: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilman Sykes
Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans - Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes; DeRose – Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/16/2025

Budget Meeting Minutes – 1/23/2025

Motioned to accept: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker
Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans –Yes; LaRotonda – Abstain; Light – Absent; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Yes; DeRose – Yes

REPORTS

Councilman Clark – Finance: Finance meets on February 20th at 5:30PM.

Councilwoman Evans – Community Affairs: Had their first Community Affairs Meeting earlier that evening. Next major event will be the Community Shredding. They are starting to gather committees for the Memorial Day Parade, Senior Brunch, etc. They are looking for ideas and contribution. Next meeting will be on March 6th at 5:30PM.

Councilwoman Parker – Public Safety: Met on Monday. A concerned resident came in to address a matter which took place on her street. Discussed the upcoming promotion and new hires attending the academy. There was feedback that the new hires were well prepared. Recently celebrated Lt. Ray Adams retirement. Congratulated Lt. Daniel Krause on his promotion.

Chief Laughlin: Thanked everyone for the promotion tonight. Emphasized the importance of keeping positions filled. Lt. Adams served with Absecon from 2000. There will be recognition at a meeting soon. There have been housefires around the area lately, which could have been prevented. Cautioned the public about embers when cleaning their fireplace woodstoves. Reminded the public that open fires in yards are not permitted.

Councilman Sykes – Parks & Playgrounds: Have not yet met. Will meet with the Committee on the 18th. Looking forward to working with everyone.

Councilman LaRotonda – Economic Development: Will be announcing their meeting dates at the next Council Meeting. Hoping to secure a partnership with the Economic Alliance of Atlantic County.

Council President DeRose: Thanked Council and the Mayor for spending so much time working at City Hall. Noted that City Hall is understaffed.

Mayor Thomas Marrone: Congratulated Lt. Krause on his recent promotion. Announced his recent attendance at the VFW's Officer and Firefighter of the Year. Congratulated Officer EJ Adams and Firefighter Dan Fairweather. Discussed the transition taking place at City Hall. Explained the positive steps taken. Due to the weather, Councilwomen Evans and Parker were unable to have the MLK Day of Service City Cleanup event, but instead used that time to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with notes of encouragement for the homeless. Cheered for the local Philadelphia Eagles in light of the upcoming Superbowl. As the new mayor, asserted that anyone providing housing, must assure livable conditions. Basic necessities *must* be functional. Reminded the motels and hotels that guests are *not* permitted to stay longer than 28 days. He, as mayor, the Police Dept., Fire Officials, and interim Construction Official, all have the duty to protect those living, stay, passing through the City. If the conditions listed are not met quickly, the City, along with State and County Officials, will be taking swift action. Ensured that Absecon will be a safe City to live in and visit.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motioned to open to the public: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker
All in Favor, None Opposed.

No discussion.

Motioned to close to the public: Councilwoman Clark; Seconded: Councilman Sykes
All in Favor, None Opposed.

CLOSED SESSION - #59-2025 – Personnel Discussion

J. Amenhauser: In accordance with the Open Records Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, the City Council will go into Closed Session. Closed Session is to discuss personnel matters. Action may or may not be taken after.

Motioned to enter Closed Session: Councilwoman Parker; Seconded: Councilman Clark
All in Favor, None Opposed.

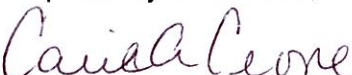
(Closed Session)

Motioned to adjourn Closed Session and re-enter the meeting: Councilman Sykes; Seconded: Councilman Clark
All in Favor, None Opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourn: Councilwoman Parker; Seconded: Councilwoman Evans
All in Favor, None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 2-20-25