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CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3RD, 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 Nick LaRotonda

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

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2025 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 03** An Ordinance amending Ordinances #05-2014 and #08-2019 relating to Criminal Background Checks for Employees and Volunteers involved with City programs or services that can/will have contact with minors.

Council President DeRose – This Ordinance is being removed from the Agenda for tonight. Will revisit it at a future meeting.

2025 RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 91** Authorizing the introduction of the 2025 Municipal Budget.
- 92** Authorizing the continuance of utilizing Network Connectivity, Inc. for IT Services for the Municipal Complex.
- 93** Appointing a Part Time Recycling/Zoning Assistant, namely Stan Kolbe, Sr.

PUBLIC PORTION – (Agenda items only)

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

No discussion.

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

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$263,028.73

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Sykes – Parks & Playgrounds: Will meet on the 15th of this month. Spoke with gentleman in charge of the flags and may be getting some up sooner than July.

Councilwoman Parker – Public Safety: Have not met since our last meeting. The Police Department put up their monthly calls for service on their Facebook page today. Next meeting is April 7th at 6pm.

Chief Laughlin: Daylight savings is upon us, remember to adjust your lighting at night. Unfortunately, we have people running around checking car doors, lock your doors and don't leave valuables in the car. As always, see something say something, anything that just doesn't seem right, give us a call. Officers out and stopping a lot of cars, getting a little push back with the speeding, we're taking a no tolerance approach.

Addressing some of the concerns that have come into City Hall. Apologize ahead of time for all the Gas Co. work, but infrastructure has to move on, they're making upgrades that are going to improve you homes as well as the value of your homes. On State highways, we along with the Gas Co. have no say, the State makes them do the work at night. They're trying to get the work done as fast as they can. They are also required to reach out to let you know the work is happening. If you have any other concerns feel free to reach out and we'll do our best to take care of them.

Councilwoman Evans – Community Affairs: Met tonight, discussed our next event which will be Earth Day, April 19th. There will be shredding and electronics drop off here at City Hall in the parking lot. Next is the Senior Brunch and we are all set for that on May 3rd.

Councilman Clark – Finance: Have not met since last meeting. Have been wrapping up the budget.

Councilman Light – Public Works: Committee hasn't met, will meet on April 7th and is open to the public. I would like to stress, as I always do, that I'm very impressed with the job our Public Works does every day, throughout our parks and community. Very proud of the job they do with the staff

they have. Recently have had request from people who lost family members who would like a bench at some of our parks, so leading them into the process. The National Honor Society had raised some money and would like to do some small improvements at Veterans Park. They already have the plantings and everything and are putting a plan together. Nothing is put in stone, but they want to start the ball rolling so the park is looking it's best for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Council President DeRose: The Ordinance that was removed tonight is nothing nefarious, it's just transferring who approves coaching badges for leagues in Absecon. Only removed because the Ordinance needed a tweak.

Mayor Thomas Marrone: Thanked Council for all their diligent work on the budget. And Kristen our CFO for doing a great job and really enlightening us.

Engineer Ed Dennis: Kind of in a limbo period between capital budgets, but do have a couple projects that are beginning construction, now that the weather has warmed up. One is the next phase of the Crestview Ave. sidewalk project, had the preconstruction meeting today and they plan on starting the in the next couple of weeks. The second one is the 2024 Road Program, this project was on hiatus over the winter, they finished the tree clearing and will start the pipe work next week and then they'll roll into to the rest of the road program. Couple other projects are in the design phase and then we'll take a look at where we land on the capital budget and consider where we want to go with the next phase of road work. Finally got some review comments back from the County on Shore Road, so we're working on responding back to those. McDonald's – we went to the DOT and asked if we could put in the flexible delineators to stop the left turns, they came back with a vague answer and I asked for a more definitive answer.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Tom Burns – East Faunce Landing Rd. – Road Construction, I've noticed, specifically the North Shore Road project they're tearing up a lot of the sidewalk and when the work is done they are replacing with blacktop instead of concrete – is that temporary.

Council President DeRose – Yes that is temporary until they can do the whole strip at one time.

Tom Burns – Wanted to share that he had an altercation with a neighbor who refused to pick up his dog's feces stating that it was his contribution to all the other trash that is out there. Although a lot has been done down there, there's still a lot of trash and not just there all around the City.

Requesting as a community and maybe some way to encourage people not to litter our town.

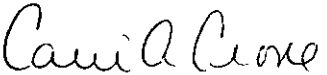
Councilwoman Parker – it is one of the spots we plan on visiting for our community clean up.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Carrie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 5-15-25