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CITY COUNCIL

MAY 5, 2022

REGULAR MEETING - 5:30 PM

MINUTES

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

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, Cain, Cavileer, LaRotonda, Light, Poley, Howell

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

STATEMENT OF THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

OATH OF OFFICE – Chief J.R. Laughlin introduced Jeff Mazer who was just promoted to Captain and gave a brief background. He was then sworn in.

Ryan Zacco was also sworn in as a new hire for the position of a Class 2 patrol officer.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2022 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 08** Amending the City of Absecon Code, Chapter 23 – Election Districts, Section 23-1 – First Ward Boundaries and Section 23-1 – Second Ward Boundaries.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

Betty – this is the redistricting of the wards

Roll Call: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; LaRotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, yes

2022 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

- 07** Amending Ordinance #03-2022 – Amending the Code of the City of Absecon to repeal Chapter 195 and to adopt a New Chapter 195 – amending language changes, along with other minor language changes and establishing a fee.

Motion for second reading – Councilwoman Poley – second – Councilwoman Cain

Roll Call: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; LaRotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, Yes

Motion to open to the public – Councilwoman Poley – second – Councilman LaRotonda

All were in favor.

Motion to close public – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilwoman Poley

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman LaRotonda – second – Councilwoman Cain

Roll Call: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; LaRotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, Yes

2022 RESOLUTIONS

- 74** Authorizing an assignment of Lien.

Jessica – we have a few municipal liens and we have been approached by a neighbor of a property that has one and they are willing to pay the amount of the lien and being they are a neighbor and it's not a buildable lot, we can assign the lien to them and they can move forward with foreclosure, so they can expand their property or whatever they want to do. They have made payment in full for this lien as well as advertising costs.

- 75** Appointing a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, namely Mary Fetske.

- 76** Allowing for the Absecon Visionary Lions Club Community Yard Sale.

- 77** Establishing City Council procedures for Public Comment.

Jessica – we had done this resolution last year and it needed to be re-established for this year. It restricts the public portion to five minutes for each person.

PUBLIC PORTION – (For Agenda items only)

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilwoman Poley

All were in favor.

Motion to close public – Councilwoman Cain – 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 the resolutions again

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Light - second – Councilwoman Poley

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$1,408,750.27

Motion to accept: Councilman Cavileer - second – Councilwoman Poley

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 4/21/2022

Closed Session as to form and content only – 4/7/2022

Motion to accept: – Councilwoman Poley - second – Councilman Cavileer

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

REPORTS

Steve Light – Parks & Playgrounds – his next meeting is 5/17 at 7:00 p.m. The Field of Dreams opened on 4/29 and are taking donations.

Donna Poley – Community Affairs – announced some upcoming events. The senior dinner was a huge success with about 85 seniors and about 30 volunteers. Earth Day went well with the clean up and shredding. Tour de Lights will be held on 5/20. A new project for Memorial Day will be to decorate houses for people who have served and the parade is 5/30 at 9:30 a.m. Creek Fest will be 9/18. Her next meeting will be 2nd.

Sandy Cain – Public Safety – she met on 5/2 and Jim Eberwine spoke about covid and the paperwork that is required for FEMA, which he completed. The city had spent about \$33,000 during covid, but we can apply and hopefully get it all back. The police department said the children need to wear their bike helmets. Her next meeting is June 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Chief Laughlin – the sergeant's test will take place May 11th and we have 9 candidates studying and preparing for it. He stressed the problem about the serious lack of helmet use for bikes, electric bikes, scooters, etc. Parents should make sure their kids are educated on how to ride these items. Everyone needs to remember to be very cautious of pedestrians and riders.

Caleb Cavileer – Finance – next meeting is 5/19 at 4:30 p.m. There are a lot of events in May and he hopes people attend

Butch Burroughs – Public Works – curbside leaf pickup ends tomorrow next meeting is 5/17

Nick Larotonda – Economic Development – his next meeting is 6/1 at 4:30 p.m.

Jessica – our trash containers are scheduled to be delivered the first week of June. A reusable bag with informational materials will also be attached.

Eddie – the Shore Road is still in the property easement phase for people who live along Shore Road. They can then bid out the project when that is completed. The 2022 road program is almost ready to go out to bid soon. The NY Ave. subdivision is moving along and he hopes to have a set of plans by the end of the month.

Mayor Horton – April 28th was Take Your Child to Work Day and some of the employees kids came and they got a tour of the building. She thanked Lt. Huenke and all our officers for trying to persuade the young people to wear helmets. Her mom had a great time at the senior dinner and everyone is looking forward to the parade and concerts this summer.

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

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Steve – he had the honor to go to Bob Mancinelli's funeral services last weekend, who was a local coach and mentor. He was an asset to our community and his family was greatly appreciated. He was glad to have known him; he was a wonderful guy. Dave Williamson also passed away and his services were special as well.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 5/19/22