



**CITY OF ABSECON
Municipal Complex
500 Mill Road
Absecon, New Jersey 08201**

**OCTOBER 2, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Seher at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Pastor Phil Erickson, Jersey Shore Baptist Church, Galloway

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vizthum, Camp, Horton, Cain, Phillips, Ring, Seher

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong, City Solicitor, John Rosenberger in for Tim Maguire; Jessica Thompson; Carie Crone

**PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

REPORTS

Councilwoman Cain – Public Works – did not meet since last Council meeting. Eddie Dennis will discuss the resolutions for tonight during his report later. The next meeting will be 10/16 @ 3:30 p.m.

Councilman Vizthum – Public Safety – the next meeting is 10/7 and Jim Eberwine, Emergency Management, will be attending

Councilman Phillips – Parks & Playgrounds – the next meeting is 10/21. Ord. #18 is for final adoption tonight. They are still working on pricing for the repairs down at the wagon wheel at the park. They are asking for help to install drywall in the announcer’s booth.

Councilman Camp – Finance – spoke on the Best Practices worksheet to be completed this year. JIF will be having monthly seminars starting in Nov. The city gets reimbursed \$250 for every councilperson that attends. The next meeting is 10/16 @ 6 p.m.

Councilman Ring – Community Affairs – met earlier tonight and discussed the 911 Project and a brief presentation was done and a lot of notes were taken. The committee will digest all the information and come back with a recommendation. Senior Center is now on the website. The next meeting will be 11/6 at 6 p.m.

Council President, Seher - explained how the 5:00 meeting was conducted. He did not see a lot of people from the public in attendance so he encouraged them to do so if they want to give input.

Councilwoman Horton – Economic Development – they discussed city lands for sale. It's been recommended to demolish the old Girl Scouts Lodge and asked Jessica for an update and she referred it to Eddie Dennis.

Eddie – we need to evaluate the building before it can be demolished.

Kim – also discussed possible grant money for funds for redevelopment. Hopefully a low interest loan program will be available for the business owners. The next meeting is 11/6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Ring – wanted to let everyone know that there is a possible new site for the 9/11 Memorial, which is the area of Home Depot and Staples. There is a pad site available that is being looked into.

Mayor Armstrong – has spoken to Lloyd and he said that Public Works would be able to demolish the lodge once they get the go ahead. He read a proclamation for 10/5 to 10/11 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Chris – also announced that it's Breast Cancer Awareness Month and hopes people support it.

Administrator – no report. Explained Res. #153, authorizing the advertisement for two substitute part-time crossing guards.

Eddie – explained Res. #152 for the Pinnacle Club performance bond release on agenda. Explained Res. #155, a change order for road contract work. He spoke about the resolutions dealing with the grant applications for State Aid that get submitted each year.

Jim – spoke about the traffic problem for crossing the street from the school to the Public Works building and to the parks. They were thinking a controlled device where someone could push a button and a flashing light would notify that someone is crossing and make people stop. This would be part of a grant proposed, but he would like to at least start with the sign and flashing signal being installed. He wanted a consensus of Council for the project that would cost us \$15,000 towards the sign and crosswalk.

All Council agreed to this project.

Jim – thanked Eddie for the aerial shots he provided

Eddie – a preconstruction meeting will be held on 10/6 for the tennis courts project to be done this Fall. On 10/8 they have a pre-application meeting with the DEP for the permitting for the two FEMA projects. On 10/14 they will meet with the DEP to review the issue on 4th Avenue basin problems. On Oct. 15th the bid opening will be held for the 2014 road program.

Council President, Seher – last week we discussed the corner of the WHP and the Black Cat where NJ Ave. splits. We wanted to know who owns or takes care of that piece of property where the water runoff has been a problem. Eddie will get in contact with the DOT on that issue. Jim witnessed it first hand too.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Camp

All were in favor.

Mark Catona – 22 NJ Ave. – thanked council for looking into the water problem out front his property. Thanked the Mayor for making aware of mental illness week. He wanted an update on his vibration problem.

Mayor – Friday afternoon, he and Mike O'Hagan spent over an hour in his office and then a meeting occurred with the administrator, engineer, city attorney, Council President and himself. They reviewed the situation and at the moment our Administrator is crafting a comprehensive response and explanation of the city's position. He anticipates it to be reviewed by our attorney and he should receive it by next week.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2014 ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

- 17** An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 3- Administrative Code, Section 11-Council Committees. Regarding Meetings of Committees.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, Seher, yes

Motion to open to the public for comment – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Motion to close public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, Seher, yes

- 18** Amending Ordinance 05-2014 relating to criminal history background checks for employee and volunteers involved with city programs or services that can/will have contact with minors.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, Seher, yes

Motion to open to the public for comment – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Motion to close public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, Seher, yes

2014 RESOLUTIONS

- 152** Authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Pinnacle Club.
- 153** Authorizing to advertise for two substitute part time school crossing guards.
- 154** Authorizing participation in the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update for 2015, and designating City representatives to serve as local members on the Multi-Jurisdictional Core Planning Group.
- 155** Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the 2013 Road Improvement Program for the City of Absecon.
- 156** Authorizing 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 2015 Municipal Aid Program (Priority 1).
- 157** Authorizing 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 2015 Municipal Aid Program (Priority 2).

- 158 Authorizing 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 2015 Bikeway Program.
- 159 Authorizing 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 2015 Safe Streets to Transit Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the 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 discussed separately.

Resolutions 152 - 159 will be included in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve consent agenda – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$219,838.75

Motion to approve – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Camp

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 9/18/2014

Motion to approve – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Vizthum, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, Seher, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Respectfully,

Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: _____