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CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

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

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Father Perry Cherubini, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Michelle Dawn Mooney sang the National Anthem

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW - Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING – Chris

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, Horton, Ring Vizthum, Seher

ABSENT: Camp, Phillips

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong; Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone, Eddie Dennis

PRESENTATION

Chief Dave Risley – the Mayor presented a plaque from the City and Det. Mitch Levin and Officer Dan Markman presented one from the Police Dept.

Lt. John DeRitis, Jr. – was sworn in as Police Chief.

REPORTS

Sandy – Public Works - her next meeting will be 2/19 @ 3:30 p.m.

Jim – Public Safety – met last night and they looked into the intersection of Faunce Landing & Shore Road and they need to compile some numbers before a resolution can be brought to council. A guard rail would be cut up with the number of poles and driveways. The Mill Road detour will be ongoing for a couple of months.

Mike for Frank - Parks & Playground – ASAC will be ordering material for the second floor work in the clubhouse with volunteers. Due to some backup, the basketball coaches are still waiting for their badges, but spring coaches need to submit now. They are also looking into a policing problem.

Chris for Don – Finance – the first budget meeting will be next 2/12 at 7:00 p.m.

Mike – Community Affairs – had his first meeting tonight and announced upcoming events in the area. His next meeting will be 3/5.

Kim – Economic Development – they met tonight and are continuing discussions with the owners of 40 N. Shore Road in pursuing donating their property to the city. We are moving forward on the Girl Scout property and Eddie is going out for quotes from contractors. They are still trying to work with the County on façade updates for the businesses on NJ Ave. Her next meeting is 3/5.

Mayor – wanted it clarified that the owners of 40 N. Shore Road will not be donating their whole property, but just an area of uplands that could be incorporated into a larger plan of the city to develop down near the docks. He gave an update on the Absecon Gardens project that is now being marketing and 3-5 units under contract now. There are two resolutions to be approved tonight for the completion of the conditions, #43 and #44.

Administrator – explained Resolutions #35, 36, 37, and 42

Dave Buchanan – was asked to come up and explain Res. #39 – a fundraising effort that he is doing for the Police Unity group

City Clerk – explained Res. #40, a liquor license transfer for Skelly's Hi Point Pub to T.J.'s Hi Point Pub

Eddie – explained Res. #38, the 2015 road program. He will be shifting the design process to the beginning of the year so the construction can begin in the summer. He read off the list of the roads to be done and how they are chosen. He then explained Res. #41, "No passing zones" on Rt. 9 that the State inspected on the striping. They confirmed the striping is correct but have to memorialize this status in Absecon. He is still working on the Kunkley Ave. project and they should be constructed this year. He is still waiting to hear from the DOT regarding the cross walk on Pitney Road at the school.

Chris – the 911 Committee is still working on the memorial site. At our 2/19 Assemblyman Chris Brown will be here to give us an update on the State. The Mayor and Don attended a meeting with Atlantic County and they are trying to come up with ideas other than casinos for our area. He attended a meeting with the aviation groups and discussed our airport and possible plans for it.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chris opened to the public. No public comment

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

2015 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 01** An Ordinance creating Chapter 150 of the Code of the City of Absecon entitled Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Horton

Mayor – explained this will implement a state law passed that allows municipalities to hold lienholders accountable for the conditions of properties when they are foreclosed on. They have to provide us the name of the party who is responsible for maintenance. Violations will be then sent to that agent and if they are not abated, fines can be imposed.

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

2015 RESOLUTIONS

- 35** Appointing two part time substitute crossing guards, namely Donna Lambropoulos and Emily Keyser.
- 36** Authorizing an application for the Municipal Alliance Grant for 2015.
- 37** Authorizing the submission of the City of Absecon's Tonnage Grant application for the year 2014 to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- 38** Authorizing Remington Vernick and Walberg, City Engineers, to administer the design, construction and inspection of improvements for the 2015 Road Program.
- 39** Allowing police telecommunicator David A. Buchanan to solicit funds for the Police Unity Tour.
- 40** Authorizing a Person-To-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License issued to TWJJ, LLC t/a TJ's Hi Point Pub,
- 41** In support of existing "No Passing Zones" along Route US 9.
- 42** Authorizing the 2015 salaries for non-union employees.
- 43** Designating Robin Lospinoso of Development Directions as the Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for the Absecon Gardens Development and approving a contract between Development Directions and New Vista Corporation, as agent for the Development owner, for services in that capacity pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-18.
- 44** Approving the operating manual and affordable housing plan for the Absecon Gardens Development as submitted by its Affordable Housing Administrative Agent.

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.

Resolutions #35 to #44

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Horton, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,529,439.65

Motion to approve – Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Horton
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Horton, yes; Ring, yes, abstain on F0096, G0001, M0027; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/15/2015

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring
ROLL CALL: Cain, abstain; Horton, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


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Approved: 2-19-15