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CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 4, 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 – Pastor Don McMahon, Emmaus UMC, Galloway

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Vizthum

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

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW - Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING BEING RECORDED – Chris

PRESENTATION – BAND RECOGNITION

Frank Phillips – the band director couldn't make it, so Frank read a letter from him. It's a band that you have to try out for among a lot of other children. Frank's son Josh is in that band and they do a wonderful job. Mike Ring said he was in it when he was a student.

REPORTS

Sandy – Public Works – has not met since last council. The next meeting is 6/18 @ 3:30 p.m. Eddie will report on the agenda items

Public Safety – Mike mentioned there was a fire truck that needed repairs.

Chief DeRitis – spoke about the TD Bank robbery. He explained the accreditation program that is underway. There are state required standards. They are here for about 9 months and the whole process takes about 15 months. The Class II Officers are ready to out on their own in about a week and they've been monitoring the boat ramp and getting great feedback.

Frank - Parks & Playground – The soccer field will be up and ready for the Absecon's school event on Friday. They discussed the possibility of having a rec director and read off some of the responsibilities they're considering. The committee will be discussing it again at their meeting on 6/16.

Discussion was then held on the need for the director. The committee hopes to have something for Council in the near future.

Frank – he received a phone call from a group calling themselves the “08201 reunion” with people from the late 60’s through the 80’s. They want to use Heritage Park and open it to all Absecon people. He, Tim and Jessica are working on a list that they will have to abide by before it’s approved. They are looking at a Saturday at the end of August from 1-4 p.m.

Don - Finance – the finance committee met and discussed the new hires. We had 38 applicants and 9 were chosen to be interviewed. The salary will be \$20/hour and 28 hours a week, with no benefits. They discussed a new Ordinance dealing with the UCC – property maintenance code dealing with rentals. There are 21 commercial properties that are appealing their taxes. His next meeting is 6/18 @ 6 p.m.

Mike – Community Affairs – thanked the participants in the Memorial Day parade. Announced upcoming events. Asked Jessica to look into the Post Office property, it’s getting into disarray. The dedication for the sign for Veteran’s Highway is 6/27. The Veteran’s Chair dedication is set for 9/18 for now. His next meeting is 7/2.

Kim – Economic Development – welcomed the new flower shop on NJ and asked people to shop there. The Absecon Gardens units continue to be sold and Pep Boys is hoping to break ground soon. The old Dunkin Donuts is being turned into another pizza parlor. The Girl Scout property is moving along and it should be down this summer. ABCD has worked with NJ Transit for cleanup in exchange for advertising for businesses at the train station. The Green Team sectioned off a section at the lake area to detour the geese. Seeds and hay were put down. Her next meeting is 7/2 @ 6:30.

Mike – announced Hooked on Fishing is June 13th

Mayor – an application was submitted to the Atl. County Improvement Authority for a grant for the redevelopment of Absecon Creek. Since what’s going on with COAH and third round obligations, we need to rehire a Special Counsel and Planner again to handle our matters.

Jessica – explained Resolutions #104, 105, 106, 107 and 108 and 109.

Don – questioned Jessica about going with the State contract with the purchase of the new truck and not going out to bid for a new truck. The state contract is not always the best price. It’s just a matter of putting an ad in the paper.

Jessica – the price we got from asking around with the specs was double than what we got.

Chris – asked the committee what they wanted to do.

Frank – we were going with Lloyd’s opinion.

Sandy – we talked about aluminum and steel frames and stainless steel frames, which ended up to be a \$1,000 more. We went with the aluminum. It hasn’t been ordered and she is willing to have Lloyd there and discuss it.

Eddie – explained Res. #110, a grant to pave Pennsylvania Avenue, since we didn’t get our usual DOT Municipal Aid Funding. We are trying to find out from DOT on why our applications aren’t successful. This is a rolling grant that is available throughout the year. Explained Res. #111, a Treatment Works Approval for the Clayton Block site. The road program is underway for 2014 and 2015. A new concept for the clock plaza is being designed and Friendly Deli is in agreement with taking the 5 ft. of grass area between the two properties.

Chris – the owner spoke to him today and Eddie will talk to him because of some confusion

Eddie – we have our applications filed for the FEMA projects and hopes to have the permits in the summer and then construction can begin.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public- Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor. No public comment

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Ring - second – Councilman Phillips

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

2015 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

06 Authorizing the Grant of Right of Way Easement to the County of Atlantic.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Camp

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

07 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, abolishing Chapter 172- Curfew.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Camp

Tim – laws are constantly evolving and in order to have a valid curfew ordinance on the books, you have to do a study to justify the areas in the town where it's necessary. It was checked and a study was never done and it would not be cost effective to do one and therefore, the decision was made to delete this ordinance from the code.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

104 Amending the Cash Management Plan of the City of Absecon, Section V, Designation of Officials to sign checks and withdrawals for the City of Absecon.

105 Appointing a Lien Clerk for the City of Absecon.

106 Authorizing refunds of overpayments of taxes on several properties due to Homestead Rebates.

107 Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2015 municipal budget to allow for the receipt of \$1,200.00 for the State of New Jersey Cops in Shops.

108 Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2015 municipal budget to allow for the receipt of \$19,528.54 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities.

109 Awarding a Professional Services Contract to The Rodgers Group.

110 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 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (LAIF).

111 Authorizing the Mayor to sign a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Application for Treatment Works Approval.

112 Awarding a contract for Professional Services for a Mt. Laurel Planner to assist the City of Absecon with regard to matters involving Affordable Housing Obligations.

113 Awarding a contract for Professional Services for a Special Counsel to represent the City of Absecon with regard to matters involving Affordable Housing Obligations.

114 Appointing a Part-Time Tax Clerk

115 Appointing a Part-Time Deputy City Clerk

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 #104 to #115 were moved in the Consent Agenda.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilwoman Cain

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$280,469.24

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, abstain; Ring, yes, abstain C0128; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –5/21/2015

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

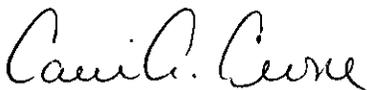
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, abstain; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Seher, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 6-18-15