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CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2015
WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

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

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Rev. Dean Bult, Mainland Baptist Church, Galloway

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Seher

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

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW - Don

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING BEING RECORDED – Don

Frank – Barry Hackett wanted to attend but couldn't, so he announced the Field of Dreams wanted to put a 9-hole golf course at the area that they lease from the city. Plans were left for everyone to look at. It would be all handicapped accessible and open to the public. They will be in touch with the City to see what has to be done so they can start moving on this.

REPORTS

Mike – Community Affairs – thanked all those involved with the POW Chair. The Train Station sign is up promoting the City's businesses and will be dedicated soon. He then announced upcoming events in town. Told everyone to be safe and smart during the storm.

Sandy - Public Works – her next meeting is 10/13 @3:30. Resolutions on the agenda dealing with roads are #162,163, 164 and 165 all authorize us to submit applications for grant funding. Res. #166 authorizes a change order for the 2015 road program, since we just found out that they were going to do Connecticut Ave. and we needed more time to notify people, so that's been changed to the 2016 road program when school is not in session, so School and Mechanic St. will now be done this year.

Frank – questioned the markings on the streets along the Estates and borings are to be done for core samples for sewer and water and they are not cutting the streets open.

Eddie – explained all the mark outs and why so many were needed.

Frank – asked Sandy for an update on the signs around town

Eddie – waiting to get a report from the Police dept. for the certain areas.

Kim – Economic Development – they've been discussing the old Girl Scout Lodge site and selling it. Rifici's Villa will be opening soon and it will include a restaurant, bar and banquet room. The next ABCD meeting will be 10/22 @ 5:30 at Absecon Gardens and the public is invited. Her next meeting will be 11/5 @ 6:30 p.m.

Jim - Public Safety – his next meeting will be 10/6 @ 6 p.m. Talked about the rain and wind we are to get and possibly through Sunday. We should expect flooding in certain areas. Commended the police department for the good work they are doing.

Frank - Parks & Playground – his next meeting is 10/20 @ 7 p.m. He spoke on Res. #167 rejecting the bids for the baseball fields phase II construction. Bids came back and they were a lot higher than anticipated.

Eddie – explained the main piece that came in over budget was the sod. Everything else was within reasonable range. We will go out for bid again tomorrow, but without the grass component of it. That should fit within our budget and get the work done before the next baseball season and then reevaluate the grass infields for 2016.

Don – Finance – police overtime is down and thanked them for the great work they are doing. He explained the new tax office procedure with the scanner and hopefully by the first of the year we will take credit card payments, but it will charge the residents not the city to use it.

Mayor – spoke about the weather and what is expected to happen. Concerns came up about speeding and erratic behavior in town, so he met with the Police Chief and Sgt. Adams and they will devote a portion of every shift during our peak hours in the morning and evening to traffic patrol. We will be asking the gas company for a share of the repaving of NJ Avenue instead of them patching it up at the locations that they did work on this year. Announced Loretta Knisel's retirement from the Construction Office after 29 years and wished her well.

Jessica – Res. #161 is the hiring of the new part-time employee in the Construction Office and Ordinance #14-15 is establishing the salary ranges since this will not be a salaried position.

Tim – explained Ord. #15. Due to new construction of a development on New Road and California Avenues, the Planning Board recommended no left hand turns be allowed for North bound traffic coming on New Road into the project. DOT agreed and required we adopt an ordinance to that effect. They have to turn onto California Avenue then turn into the project.

Eddie – the Water Company will be doing their water main work on Oct. 12th and they hope to be done in 2 weeks or less, then our paving will get done.

Don – questioned Pitney Road and five corners where the road is really getting torn up. He wants to contact the County and ask them what can be done.

REGULAR MEETING

2015 ORDINANCES

- 14** Establishing salary ranges for the City of Absecon.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

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

- 15** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 330 – Vehicles and Traffic, Section 32 – Turn Prohibitions, prohibiting left hand turns by northbound vehicular traffic traveling on Route 9 into lots 2, 3 and 11 in Block 289.

Motion to introduce – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 161** Appointing a Part-Time Technical Assistant to the Construction Office.
- 162** 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 2016 Municipal Aid Program (Priority1).
- 163** 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 2016 Municipal Aid Program (Priority2).
- 164** 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 2016 Bikeway Program.
- 165** 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 2016 Safe Streets to Transit Program.
- 166** Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the 2015 Road Program.
- 167** Authorizing the City of Absecon to reject all bids for the Pitney Park Baseball Field Improvements – Phase II.

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.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$245,546.62

Motion to approve – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes & abstain on C0128 and E0057; Vizthum, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –09/17/15

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 10/15/15