



**CITY OF ABSECON**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2015**  
**WORK & REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

**INVOCATION** – Pastor Bill Warner, Director of Men’s Ministry, AC Rescue Mission

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Horton, Phillips, Vizthum, Seher

**ABSENT:** Cain, Camp, Ring and Mayor Armstrong

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone & Ed Dennis

**STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW**

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING BEING RECORDED**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**2015 ORDINANCES**

- 16** Amending Ordinance 09-2015 creating section 150 of the Code of the City of Absecon entitled “Rental Property, Registration and Certificate of Habitability”

**Jessica** – explained the changes are to eliminate the registration fee for the rentals and combining it with the inspection fee and allowing the manager of the property be someone from Atlantic County and not just Absecon.

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

## **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.

- 174** Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to cancel escrow accounts of completed projects with a balance of Twenty-Five dollars or less.
- 175** Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund escrow accounts of completed projects with a balance above Twenty-Five dollars.
- 176** Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2015 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$2,604.85 from the State of New Jersey Body Armor Fund.
- 177** Authorizing the transfer of appropriations in the 2015 local municipal budget per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58.
- 178** Appointing part time substitute crossing guards, namely Thomas Lavery and John Hood.
- 179** Appointing a full time patrol officer, namely Steven Hance.
- 180** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Inter-local Agreement with Atlantic County.
- 181** A Resolution by which the City of Absecon, as a participant in a Municipal Shared Services Agreement for the purpose of retaining a Common Expert in certain litigation involving the Fair Housing Act, authorizes Counsel acting on behalf of all participants to take certain action as set forth herein.
- 182** Terminating the services of Special Counsel to represent the City of Absecon with regard to matters involving Affordable Housing obligations and appointing a successor Special Counsel for such purpose.
- 183** Accepting a Performance Guaranty and Engineer's Escrow for improvements on the project known as Visions at the Shore.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

## **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$714,943.83**

Motion to approve – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes –10/15/15

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

**Councilman Vizthum** – reported early since he had to leave meeting. Announced Lee Gadd's retirement from the police department. Welcomed Steve Hance to the department full time. Explained an accident that happened with two of our police cars while in pursuit of another vehicle.

### **SWEARING IN**

Officer Steve Hance was sworn in as a new full-time police officer. Chief DeRitis gave history. Council President Seher gave the Oath.

### **REPORTS**

**Public Safety – Chief DeRitis** – discussed some incidents that have occurred in town as well as the “no shave November” fundraiser and the police overtime.

**Frank - Parks & Playground** – thanked everyone on his re-election. His next meeting will be 11/17.

**Mike – Community Affairs** – Councilwoman Horton reported. She congratulated Frank and Sandy on their wins. Also congratulated Brad Smith and Jim Grimley for stepping up and running. She announced upcoming events.

**Kim – Economic Development** – will be forwarding information to Jessica on a video showcase program for the city and the businesses we have.

**Jessica** – announced our leaf program will run till the end of the year. The Sheriff's office is having a shredding event this Saturday at the Shore Mall. RFP's are going out shortly. The committee will be Kim, Frank and Don.

**Chris** – the School Board requested a meeting and also discussed them being taped

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ 11-19-15 \_\_\_\_\_