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CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 17, 2016

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM
MINUTES

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

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Rev. Barry Ross, Word of Life Christian Fellowship, Galloway

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW – Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING - Chris

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mayor Armstrong

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

REPORTS

Frank - Public Works – the speed bumps have been installed at the ballfields and fencing was added for a walk thru, but not cars on the one side. Oak Drive is on the road program and solutions are being looked into. New water mains are being installed in town. The 4-way stop sign at Haddon & Traymore Avenue is on the agenda tonight and he spoke to residents in that area and they believe it's necessary. ASAC had a mandatory meeting for the coaches about concussions, which was informative. Lacrosse has started and asked residents to slow down in the vicinity of the school.

Jim – Public Safety – doesn't know about the Webb Road parking ordinance.

Chris – we talked about in on Friday morning at the agenda meeting and the Mayor brought it to our attention. He explained the problems that were occurring. It was suggested to limit the parking on those certain days when they played. He apologized to the committee for not knowing about it.

Jim – Ord. #7 is the police department making some changes for personnel and administrative changes. The 4-way stop was discussed and there is a dip there and most people do slow down and then accelerate through that intersection. He feels it should be moved forward.

Sandy – Parks & Playgrounds – wished everyone at Happy St. Patrick's Day – had a meeting but it was short. Concerts were discussed and hopefully the list will be finalized soon. The next meeting is Tuesday, 4/19 at 7:00 p.m.

Pat – Finance – met tonight and they discussed the bond ordinance that is being prepared and available for introduction on 4/7. If it passes on the 21st we should be available to award a contract at the second meeting in May. Some conversation was held about the relationship between the library and the city. The city owns the building and some repairs are needed and some financing is available by the board. It will be researched and it will be memorialized as to who is responsible for what. The auditors are complete, but no report is submitted yet. They are waiting for the pension board to submit something to them. There is a resolution for tonight dealing with the electronic tax lien sale and the fees and costs incurred.

Mike – Community Affairs – Ordinance #1 dealing with the commercial vehicles is on for introduction tonight. He appreciates everyone's input and Tim for putting it together to make the changes happen. We think all the bases are covered. He explained Res. #64-66 and upcoming events. Announced the school will beginning a pre-school program and there is criteria. Wished everyone a Happy and healthy St. Patrick's Day.

Kim – the criteria is strict for the pre-school and no one has met them. It's grant money so you have to adhere to the requirements.

Mike – stated the changes made to the commercial vehicle parking ordinance. The lengths, added types of cars and the height of the vehicles.

Kim – Economic Development – her next meeting is 4/7 @ 6:30 p.m. Wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Thanked the Police Chief for meeting with Council and explaining the standards on hiring and promotions in the dept. Thanked Jim Vizthum for explaining the multi-way stop on Haddon Ave. It's a unique stop and we do need it.

Jessica Thompson – Explained Ord. #3 amending the boat ramp fees and including a veteran's discount for seasonal permits. Ord. #5 is establishing the cap bank and Ord. #6 deals with the salary ranges. Res. #68 releases escrow funds and she would like to add #70 tonight. Leaf collection runs from 4/4 to 4/22. The website is going to be set up for email reminders when payments are due and other updates.

Motion to add Res. #70 made by Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilman Ring
All were in favor.

Mike – questioned the process of the flags and them being lowered

Chris – we received valid complaints and he doesn't want the weather to be hindrance as to what we should be doing. We need to do what's right. There needs to be a link to the State to find out and we should designate someone to keep track. If we can't maintain them, then the flags should be taken down.

MONTHLY REPORTS – Carie

Construction - \$20,603

Municipal Clerk - \$2,124.75

Municipal Court - \$13,599.46

Tax Collection - \$3,502,215.48

Total tax collection from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 - \$23,900,244.47

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Rick Perry - 620 Yarmouth Avenue – has lived there since 1964 and used to have a septic tank and then sewer was put in. Never had a problem until 8 years ago when paving was done. He’s had problems a couple of times since then. The problem is that there is a break in the clay pipe into the main. It’s expensive for every repair now every few years. He asked if the City could possibly and it’s expensive for every repair every few years. He asked if the City could possibly do something about it.

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

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2016 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 01** Creating Chapter 270 of the Code of Absecon establishing regulations for prohibition of commercial vehicles in residential zones.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilwoman Cain

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

- 07** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 69 – Police Department.

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring

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

- 08** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 330 to designate a Multi-way stop intersection at Haddon Avenue and Traymore Parkway.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

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

2016 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

- 03** Amending Section 250-23 of the Code of The City of Absecon granting a discounted price to veterans for seasonal permits required to use the Faunce Landing Boat Ramp.

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

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

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

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

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

- 05** An Ordinance of the City of Absecon, to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank (N.J.S.A. 40A-45.14).

Motion for second reading – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilwoman Horton

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

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

Chris – explained the cap bank is when we have not spent the money that has a ceiling set by the State. Each year if you don't spend it, you can bank it and save it for an unexpected expense.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Cain

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

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

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

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

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, 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.

- 63** Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Charles A. Hammell Post 28 American Legion.
- 64** Granting a Raffle License to the Egg Harbor Township Baseball Association.
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- 66** Granting a Bingo License to the Egg Harbor Township Baseball Association.
- 67** Authorizing a fee for the creations, printing and mailing of Tax Sale notices for an electronic tax sale.
- 68** Authorizing the release of escrow funds posted by Lee Geiger.
- 69** Establishing a temporary parking probation on the southern side of Webb Road.
- 70** Allowing for the Absecon 9-11 Committee to hold a community Garage Sale.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,967,873.07

Motion to approve – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilwoman Horton
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes, abstain on A0005; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 03/03/16
Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: _____