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**CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 21, 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. Heather Stenberg-Sugden, Reformation Lutheran Church, Galloway

**STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW** – Chris

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING** - Chris

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Ring

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

**REPORTS**

**Frank - Public Works** – Route 30 work is to start in May but no paving is allowed until after Labor Day. NJ American Water Co. will be working on the water main on NJ Ave. beginning the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will work from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and should take 30 days to complete. Leaf pickup ends soon. Lloyd put out two piles of compost for the public to take if they want. His next meeting is 5/2 @ 6 p.m. Lights around City Hall have been replaced with LED lights and you do save on your electric bill. Ordinance 9 on the agenda tonight is mainly for upgrades to the city.

**Mayor** – the NJ Avenue construction will be Monday through Thursday and not on Fridays or the weekends. There will be limited access to the businesses opened in the evenings.

**Jim – Public Safety** – his next meeting is 5/3 @ 7 p.m. Ordinance 10 tonight is to add a bus stop. Spoke on Resolutions #83, LOSAP for the Fire Dept; #86 promoting the Acting Supervisor of Communications to full time due to a resignation .

**Sandy – Parks & Playgrounds** – met Tuesday and most of the discussion was regarding the ballfields. The concert schedule was finalized, which begin June 26<sup>th</sup>. The drainage at the ball fields is worse than ever, so hopefully Phase III of the budget it can be repaired. There was some vandalism in the men’s restroom and it was discussed how to prevent it in the future. Possible lighting at the Crestview Soccer Fields was discussed as well as path lights from the concession stand down to the parking lot on Pitney Road. Her next meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Lacrosse has worked well on Saturdays, but there was a Sunday rain date and no signs were up so traffic issues did happen. Bike safety was discussed.

Also discussed were the phase works of the Pitney ball fields.

**Pat – Finance** – met tonight and we received a clean audit this year. Two suggestions were made in the management letter; one to sell some tax liens, which we will tonight and the dedication by rider, a housekeeping issue. Mr. Costello complimented the staff here in City Hall for doing a good job and our tax base is pretty stable and financially we are a pretty healthy entity. We budgeted \$30,000 this year for the LOSAP program and will probably not use all of it and the balance would go back into the fund balance. We own \$137,000 in tax liens and will look into selling them and we would get interest then as well. On Monday, the electronic tax sale lien will begin and winners announced at the end of May. The process was then explained.

**Kim – Economic Development and Community Affairs** – her next meeting will be 5/5 @ 6:30 p.m. Announced the upcoming events and the fundraising efforts for the 9/11 memorial fund.

**Frank** – the 9/11 Memorial is coming along very well and Ed Vincent is doing a great job and all the work and materials so far have been done by volunteers and donations. The dedication will be on 9/11 at 2:00 p.m. – rain or shine.

**Mayor** – spoke about flooding on Euclid Drive and possibly a bulk head could alleviate the problem. We have an application with the DEP for funds to do that work and are optimistic. We should know by May 20<sup>th</sup>. We have a CAFRA permit for the Turner Avenue development and we should have final results in May for the wells and then get final approval to begin the other work. We hope to receive CAFRA approval for the Faunce Landing work by May also. There should be no wetlands mitigation conditions on that one. Atlantic Electric has merged with Excelon and a condition was to provide community funds. The Green Team will be the recipient of those funds for projects at Heritage Park and a community garden on Traymore and Morton Avenues. We are trying to obtain a new 96 gallon recycling cart for each of our residents soon. This will improve the recycling tonnage and beneficial to our residents. Public Works will be installing a porta potty at the boat ramp.

**Jessica Thompson** – reviewed the last of the resolutions for tonight’s agenda

**MONTHLY REPORTS** - Carie

Construction - \$39,365

Court - \$12,678.81

Clerk - \$34,125.75

Taxes - \$571,882.87

**Chris** – asked how the coach badge process is working. He attended a presentation regarding the FAA Tech park and it looks like ground will be broken by the end of the summer or early fall. It's a major first step for the County to provide jobs outside of the casino industry. He acknowledged the members of the 9/11 Memorial Committee and read off their names and also thanked the Cultural Arts Alliance group.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton  
All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Phillips  
All were in favor.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **2016 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**10** Amending Chapter 330, Section 330-4, Schedule XII: Bus Stops in the City of Absecon.

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

### **2016 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION**

**09** Bond Ordinance providing for various capital improvements in and by the City of Absecon, appropriating \$1,680,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,596,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the City to finance part of the cost thereof.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilman Phillips

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

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

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 Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; 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.

**79** Authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes for tax year 2016 on the property located at Block 89, Lot 7.

**80** Authorizing to cancel taxes on the properties that are exempt from taxes due to disabled veteran status.

- 81 Granting a Raffle License to the Holy Spirit High School.
- 82 Allowing for the Woodland Village Association's annual community yard sale.
- 83 Certifying the qualified participants in the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the Absecon Volunteer Fire Department for the calendar year 2015.
- 84 Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2016 municipal budget to allow for the receipt of \$196,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
- 85 Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2016 municipal budget to allow for the receipt of \$2,000.00 from the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program.
- 86 Appointing a Full Time Dispatch Supervisor.
- 87 Authorizing the release of a performance guarantee posted by Absecon Gardens and accepting the posting of an approved maintenance guaranty.
- 88 Authorizing assignment of liens.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,296,541.79**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 04/07/16  
Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton  
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 5/5/16