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CITY COUNCIL

MAY 5, 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 – Mayor

INVOCATION – Vicar Alan Mercer, Peace Lutheran Church, Galloway

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW – Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING - Chris

ROLL CALL

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

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

REPORTS

Kim – Economic Development - met tonight and the CGI communications group will be filming 5/9 that will eventually advertise the town. There is a new broker for Absecon Gardens. Welcomed Pep Boys to town and their grand opening should be real soon. A property on Pleasant Avenue received approvals for a shooting range, but they were discouraged about our escrow fees. We will be looking into that.

Pat – I brought that issue up to the committee. The owners didn't complain, it was a person who worked for the engineer.

Chris – escrow fees are deposited and held for the costs of the city professionals. If any is left at the end, it gets returned. The question he feels is the costs that the professionals charge.

Discussion was held on how fees are established and possibly lowering the initial submission fees. There is a provision that permits a developer to contest the reasonableness of the fees.

Mike - Community Affairs – announced upcoming events in town. The city clean up and shredding will be 5/21. Wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and good luck to the HS Crew. His next meeting will be 6/2 at 6:00 p.m.

Pat – Finance – did not meet this month yet, but the back hoe is in the process of being purchased.

Sandy – Parks & Playgrounds – the lights along the path on Pitney are being worked on now. She cleared up an issue regarding the concerts and explained how the process works in choosing the bands. Her next meeting is 5/17.

Frank – this light issue has been going on for 3 years now. If Atlantic Electric has to do it, can we find out?

Jessica – it will be the electric company and she will be looking into this matter.

Mayor – will reach out to Ken Mosca to see if he can help.

Chris – asked if we reached out to the library about adding a ninth concert this year. Discussion was then held about contacting them and seeing if it's possible and if not next year. It has to be decided soon, because the posters need to be done. A letter should be done to the groups who were not picked.

Jim – Public Safety – met on Tuesday and the police chief gave an update on the vehicles. Jim Eberwine called in about the storm on Monday and thanked him for his concerns. The fire department is looking into purchasing an Explorer for the chief. They received 6 mobile radios through a grant and they were able to get two portable radios as well.

Frank - Public Works – leaf pickup is complete and grass will begin to be cut around town as soon as the weather permits. A portable toilet is down at the ramp now for the summer months. He discussed the road work on New Jersey Avenue and it's running smoothly and on schedule. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers.

Pat – the Euclid Drive bulkhead project was submitted to the State and hopefully we should hear back by 5/20. The application is for \$1.3 million. Ed feels the odds are good since only 14 applied. The funding only covers flood control so other items will be on the city. The road program will be bid out by the end of May and hopefully Ed will be able to work on the project on NJ, Mill and Highland Boulevard, which grant expires next year so work needs to begin by 4/17. It is the State's responsibility to repair the road on New Jersey Avenue where Mr. Catona's property sits.

Discussion of work that could be done on Euclid Drive was held.

Mayor – he and the Chief attended a seminar in AC regarding emergency preparedness. The Green Team received a grant from Atlantic Electric and the first project done were plantings along the western side of Heritage Park and rehabilitating the park at Traymore and Morton Avenues. The students presented different designs for that park and aspects of each one will be incorporated into the design.

Jessica Thompson – explained the two resolutions for approval tonight and has sent out the audit report to everyone.

Eddie – items for tonight were already discussed. He brought a 1,000 page grant application to show how lengthy it was. He will be doing a joint application with the school for the Safe Routes to School. Sidewalks along Pitney Road that are missing will be put in. The school is going to do a student drop off in the rear of the school.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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 ADOPTION

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

Motion for second reading – Councilman Ring – 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 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 Sheeran – second – Councilman Ring

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.

90 Accepting the 2015 Municipal Audit

91 Authorizing the sale of personal property not needed for public use under N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-36

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,385,482.30

Motion to approve – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilman Phillips

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 04/21/16

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, abstain; 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: 5/19/16