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**CITY COUNCIL**

**JUNE 1, 2017**

**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. Neil Jaggie (retired) Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pleasantville, NJ

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Cain, Bennett, Horton, Phillips, Ring, Seher

**ABSENT:** Vizthum

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

**STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW**  
**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING RECORDED**

**REPORTS**

**Councilman Ring – Economic Development** – seeing some positive things on NJ Ave. The old Werner Brooks store is under contract and he is also working with other possible tenants on NJ Avenue. They also discussed putting the firehouse at a new location to help the development of the old ballfields. His next meeting is July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Councilwoman Cain – Community Affairs** – she had a work commitment so she couldn't attend the meeting, but Kim had attended so she went over her notes and listed all the events coming up. Sandy mentioned Res. #111 and #112 on the agenda tonight. Her next meeting is July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Councilwoman Horton – Public Works** – her next meeting will be on 6/15 but spoke on Res. #113 and 114 regarding NJ Avenue. Eddie said the NJ Avenue downtown project should start right after 7/4 and the work will be done at night from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

**Councilman Vizthum – Finance** – no report – next meeting is 6/15 @ 6 p.m.

**Councilman Bennett – Parks & Playgrounds** – he checked the bike path and there are 3 lights out and 2 of them are damaged and will give Jessica the pole numbers. On the stretch of it on 15<sup>th</sup> street, it's very dark and recommends at least one if not two be added there.

**Jessica** – has reached out to the Atlantic City Electric for a quote

**Keith** – the work on the tennis courts has started and Eddie explained the work being done

**Keith** – we discussed Ord. #7 and motorized scooters will be allowed onto our parks and some wording for the hours for the boat ramp use was added. He will attend the ASAC meeting this Sunday night to get an update on the spring sports and find out when soccer is over so we can start planning repairs to the fields on Crestview Ave. His next meeting is 6/20 @ 7 p.m.

**Frank** - asked Tim if he thought the wording in the ordinance was okay and Tim said it was.

**Councilman Phillips – Public Safety** – next meeting is 6/5 @ 6 p.m. He spoke on Res. #115, the need to advertise for a dispatcher. Pitney Road work is going on near the school, so he asked people to be careful.

**Xavier** – asked to have Heritage Park stocked with largemouth bass, then people could fish all year long if they wanted.

**Keith** – said he would look into it

**Chris** – Res. #115 and #116 need to be added to the agenda tonight.

All were in favor of adding them both.

**Administrator, Jessica Thompson** – the concert posters should be in soon and will go up around town. The first one will be June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Eddie Dennis** – the DOT grant was not approved for Delaware Ave. It seems like we are on an every other year schedule with them. That means we have our road program ready to go out to bid and one road we held out on was Delaware Avenue, but we will include it now. He explained all the work being done on Turner Avenue on the outside of the water, but we have to wait to start work in the water until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Since it's the same contractor, they went over to do the work on Faunce Landing, which is taking some shape. He feels most of it should be done by the end of the month. A permanent buoy system and signage will be installed, but a temporary one is there for now. The water company has agreed to move up their work schedule and fix the Church Street ponding problem.

**Keith** – commended the police department for doing a good job down at the boat ramp on the busy Memorial Day weekend

**Chris** – asked Capt. JR Laughlin why the “no trailer parking” signs on Lisbon Avenue were taken down, but not down on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue?

**Capt. Laughlin** – Lisbon Avenue is a wider street and easier for the traffic flow. They decided on 4<sup>th</sup> with the limited curbing and vehicles parked on the side there, you'd have limited access to regular vehicles let alone emergency vehicles.

He asked that the community look out for each other. The weather is changing and kids are getting out of school. Asked that people lock their vehicles and keep outside lights on at night. No one should hesitate to call them.

**Sandy** – Hooked on Fishing is June 10th

**Chris** – mentioned that it was a great Memorial Day parade considering the weather; it was well attended.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips - second – Councilman Ring  
All were in favor.

**Laila** – suggested the school have buddy benches, so if kids don't have friends, they can sit on this bench and then maybe other kids will come over and join them. Kim will be looking into it.

**Gilden Turner - 131 Hobart Ave.** – has been in Absecon for 16 years now and he drives for NJ Transit. He's not sure of the procedures for bus stops and shelters in Absecon, but there is an issue with the ones on New Road. He also feels there should be more shelters for people to sit at while waiting. He'd like to know the procedures.

**Frank** – DOT tells us where they should be placed

**Chris** – there is a sign but people go down to the corner?

**Gildon** - yes, we are told not to pass anybody or we could get suspended. He feels the bus sticks out onto NJ Avenue and it's dangerous.

**Tim** – has dealt with this issue in other towns and dealing with the DOT is very frustrating.

The town sets where the bus stops are, however, DOT will tell you that they have a hand stop rule. So if the driver sees anyone trying to flag them down, they will stop. So if people are gathering on the corner and not at the stop, the bus will stop there. You really have to get into intense conversation with the DOT. You could move the stop up some and eventually people might gather there. Having a shelter stand would even help out better.

This will be taken to the Public Safety committee to look into.

**Xavier** – having the bass in the pond would keep kids here in Absecon too because some try to go to Galloway.

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

## **2017 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION**

- 07** Repealing the existing provisions of the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 250-Parks, Playgrounds and Recreational Areas in its entirety and enacting the new provisions in its place.

**Motion for second reading** – Councilman Bennett – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, 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 portion** – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Bennett

All were in favor

**Motion for final reading and adoption** – Councilman Bennett – second – Councilman Ring

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

- 111 Granting a Raffle License to Holy Spirit High School.
- 112 Granting a Raffle License to Charles A. Hammell Post #28 American Legion.
- 113 Authorizing the City of Absecon to award the contract for the Resurfacing of New Jersey Avenue.
- 114 Authorizing Remington, Vernick & Walberg, City Engineers, to administer the construction and inspection of resurfacing New Jersey Avenue.
- 115 Authorizing to advertise for a Full-Time Tele-Communicator
- 116 Authorizing a refund of Construction Fees in the name of Vivant Solar

Motion to move the Consent Agenda – Councilman Bennett – second – Councilwoman Horton  
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes, Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Seher, yes

## APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$340,034.07

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes, Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, abstain on C0045 & N0002; Seher, yes

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 05/18/2017

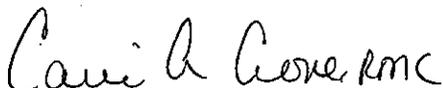
Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes, Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, abstain; Seher, yes

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carrie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 6/15/17