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CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

REGULAR MEETING - 5:00 PM

MINUTES

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

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Rev. Tom Douglass (retired)

STATEMENT OF THE SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sandy Cain, Caleb Cavileer, Betty Howell, Steve Light, Keith Bennett

ABSENT: Butch Burroughs & Frank Phillips

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Horton, Fred Scerni, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

2020 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

01 Capital Ordinance appropriating funds for Police Vehicles and Portable Radios within the City of Absecon, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Sandy Cain, yes; Caleb Cavileer, yes; Betty Howell, yes; Steve Light, yes; Keith Bennett, yes

02 Establishing salary ranges for the City of Absecon.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Sandy Cain, yes; Caleb Cavileer, yes; Betty Howell, yes; Steve Light, yes; Keith Bennett, yes

2020 RESOLUTIONS

- 39 Appointing a Full-Time Dispatcher, namely Nathan Peirano.
- 40 Authorizing the 2020 salaries for Non-Union employees.
- 41 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an employment agreement for City Administrator.
- 42 Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Absecon Blue Devils.

PUBLIC PORTION (for agenda items only)

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Howell

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions were read again.

Motion to move Consent Agenda – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$\$ 1,736,367.65

Motion to approve – Councilman Cain – second – Councilman Light

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Bennett, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 1-16-2020

Motion to approve – Councilman Cain – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, abstain; Cavileer, yes; Light, yes; Howell, abstained; Bennett, yes

REPORTS

Steve Light – they will be adding an additional weekend for the concerts in the park; the Creek Fest planning is moving along; the baseball fields' dugout roofs and fences around swing sets.

Betty Howell – she read a letter from ABCD and a meeting has been set up for 2/11 to discuss business practices and the Planning Board is setting up a committee to discuss it as well.

Caleb Cavileer – finance met today and they discussed the department's budget requests. The next budget meeting will be 2/27 at 5:00. Keith said the last budget meeting was successful and long and the budget is coming along nicely. The Public Works committee met on 2/18 and they received a request for waiver of sidewalk and curbs. Bayview Drive will be on the 2020 road program and a 4 way stop at Highland and Morton Ave.

Steve Light – mentioned the Shore Road flooding at Illionois Avenue and Sandy asked about Ohio Avenue as well.

Mayor Horton – received notice that the County will be doing Westcoat Road.

Sandy Cain – the senior center calendar should be up on the website. The city-wide cleanup will be 5/2 and shredding will be done from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Memorial Day parade will be 5/25 and the Creek Fest 9/12. Her next meeting will be 3/4 at 6:00 p.m.

Steve Light – everyone should meet together to make sure dates aren't conflicting for events.

Keith Bennett – mentioned it had happened and an event was during a Blue Devils home game, but it was a popular band and they were only available on Sunday. We will try to work it out with the committee who does the scheduling.

Public Safety – Capt. Laughlin spoke on the speeding and running stop signs. The light at Mill road was skipping and the county came out and fixed it. That area was discussed in the past and the possibility of adding a second left turn lane, but that's a few year's out if the County decides to do it.

Jessica – She read the scope of work on a study being done for a bicycle and pedestrian path at no cost to the city. It would be a State grant. The city's budget should hopefully be introduced at the first meeting in March.

Mayor – recognized the public works department for all the work they got done. Thanked Officers Markman and LaSasso for doing the Valentine's for Kids. She will be attending the meeting on Monday with the school to discuss the parking in the school loop as well as Capt. Laughlin and Mike O'Hagan. She attended the senior center lunch and had a great time. Told people to check out the events on the website.

Steve – thanked the Carpenter's Union for donating their time for the handicapped ramp at the Legion

MONTHLY REPORTS – Carie

Court - \$11,180.24

Tax Collection - \$2,457,693.56

Municipal Clerk - \$3,868

Construction - \$9,230.00

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilwoman Howell – second – Councilman Cavileer
All were in favor.

Dutch – 315 Pennsylvania Ave. – agreed that Public Works does a great job. Mentioned the water flow at Oakhurst and Wyoming Avenues because the pot holes are repeatedly needing patches.

David Gatto – 1008 Seaside Ave. – he has been a resident here since 2014 and he had some concerns and read a letter that he had written to council.

Mayor - explained that some of his issues have been looked into already. The Captain and she have looked into the trash situation at the Marketplace. There is legislation regarding the plastic bag and code enforcement is looking into the abandoned buildings.

Keith – spoke on the meeting times and that about 6 to 7 months ago the second meeting of the month was changed to 5:00 p.m. and it seemed to be attended by more. It was then proposed to make all the meetings the same time and all agreed. He said it could be up for discussion again and maybe changing it to 6:00 p.m.

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain
All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Howell
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 3-5-2020