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CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 2, 2020

REORGANIZATION MEETING - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Carie Crone, Municipal Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Pastor Christopher Miller, Absecon United Methodist Church

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

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Keith Bennett, Councilperson, Ward 1 – the oath was administered by Assemblyman Mazzeo

Caleb Cavileer, Councilperson, Ward 2 – the oath was administered by Assemblyman Mazzeo

ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: Burroughs, Cain, Cavileer, Light, Phillips, Bennett

ABSENT: Howell

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

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Nomination for Keith Bennett was made by Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain
No other nominations. Nominations closed.

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes; Bennett, yes

Administration of Oath of Office was given by Assemblyman Mazzeo

Kim – asked the Assemblyman to push for the dredging of our back bay waters this year

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Nomination for Betty Howell was made by Councilman Light – second – Councilman Cavileer
No other nominations. Nominations closed.

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes; Bennett, yes
Betty will be sworn in a future meeting due to her absence.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – FOR THE YEAR 2019

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.

- 01** Authorizing the annual schedule of Regular Meetings of Absecon City Council for the calendar year 2020.
- 02** Awarding a contract for professional services for a City Auditor.
Bowman & Co. LLP
- 03** Awarding a contract for professional services of a City Attorney.
Alfred Scerni, Jr. of Parker McCay
- 04** Awarding a contract for professional services for a Labor Attorney.
Amy Guerin of Parker McCay
- 05** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Public Defender.
Andrew Imperiale, Esq.
- 06** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services for a Municipal Prosecutor.
Kristopher Facenda, Esq.
- 07** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a City Planner.
Edward Dennis, Remington, Vernick & Walberg, Engineers
- 08** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Bond Counsel.
Anthony Solimine, Esq. of Wilentz
- 09** Authorizing the Tax Assessor as the Agent in Adjustment appeals to reduce assessments.
- 10** Designating the Interest and Penalty rate on unpaid taxes.
- 11** Designating the official newspapers.
- 12** Adopting the Cash Management Plan of the City of Absecon.
- 13** Establishing the 2020 Temporary Budget for Current Fund and Sewer Utility Fund.

- 14 Appointing a Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund.
Michael F. Thomas, Glenn Insurance
- 15 Appointing a Councilperson to the Planning Board.
Betty Howell, 1 year
- 16 Re-appointing and Re-assign members to the Zoning Board.
Nick Larotonda and Mike Famularo
- 17 Appointing a Mercantile License Clerk.
Carie A. Crone, RMC
- 18 Appointing a Lien Clerk for the City of Absecon.
Jessica A. Snyder, CTC
- 19 Appointing a Registrar of Vital Statistics.
Carie A. Crone, 3 years.
- 20 Ensuring Time Capsule to be opened in the year 2052.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilwoman Cain
ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes; Bennett, yes

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS was given by Mayor Kim Horton

COMMENTS

Steve – thanked all for coming and wished everyone a happy healthy new year.

Frank – congratulations to all who won and the retirees that Kim had mentioned and to Sandy and Kim who retired as well.

Caleb – wished everyone a happy new year and thanked everyone who helped in the elections this year.

Sandy – wished everyone a happy new year and congratulations to Keith and Caleb for getting sworn in. She looks forward to doing more things for the city since she has more time now since she has just retired.

Don – Happy new year to all the residents and congratulations to Keith and Caleb

Keith – Happy New Year and a happy holiday season. He thanked all the city employees as well. Thanked Assemblyman Mazzeo for coming here tonight. Thanked Pete Elco for his continued involvement in the city and all our professionals for their work as well.

Jessica – mentioned the projects that were done in 2019: two miles of roads in our road program; phase 3 of the downtown streetscape; new emergency generator for city hall; received nearly \$800,000 in grant funding that was used for those projects. In 2020 we will complete the new firehouse and expect new businesses to open at the old Memorial Field and NJ Avenue; some roads and pedestrian sidewalks on Pitney Road near the school; \$450,000 in grant funding for these projects as well. We hope to become a transit village awarded by the State, which would make us eligible to apply for future grants. The tax collection rate is 98.37%. Thanked Council and the staff and professionals for support and assistance and she looks forward to working with everyone on the 2020 budget and new projects. Wished everyone a happy new year.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Charlie Morgan – represented the Atlantic Shore Model Railroaders – they have used the lobby for their train display and thanked everyone here in City Hall. All of the employees are so considerate and supportive of our efforts. We received \$165 from our donation box and it all went to the food bank. We were visited by over 350 people. We look forward to returning in November if the City allows us.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 1-16-2020