



**CITY OF ABSECON**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 16, 2020**

**MEETING - 5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Keith Bennett

**FLAG SALUTE**

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Louis Strugala, Jr. – Church by the Bay Galloway, Chaplin of the Atlantic Co. Sheriff's Dept. and NJ State Police

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Burroughs, Cavileer, Howell, Light, Phillips, Bennett

**ABSENT:** Cain

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

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL PRO-TEM** – Betty Howell

Betty was sworn in as Council Pro Tem. Mayor Horton administered the oath

**2020 RESOLUTION**

**21** Appointing a Full-Time Patrol Officer, namely Benjamin D. Masino, 3rd.

Motion to move Resolution 21-2020 – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

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

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE** - Captain Laughlin read a short bio and Mayor Horton administered the oath.

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Keith** – asked for a motion to add Resolution #30-2020, authorizing the advertising for hiring a full time dispatcher to the Consent Agenda  
Motion was made by Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Cavileer  
All were in favor.

### 2020 RESOLUTIONS

**22** Confirming meetings of City Committees, Commissions and Boards for the year 2020.

**23** Authorizing Change Order No.1-Final for the Municipal Building Emergency Generator.

**24** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Participate in an Electronic Tax Sale.  
Jessica – announced the tax sale is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**25** Authorizing a fee for the creation, printing and mailing of Tax Sale Notices for an Electronic Tax Sale.

**26** Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit fund, namely the Charles A. Hammell Post 28 American Legion.

**27** Authorizing the release of zoning escrow fee posted by the United Methodist Church.

**28** Authorizing the submission of the City of Absecon's Tonnage Grant Application for the year 2019 to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

**29** Authorizing a refund of Construction Fees.

**30** Authorizing the advertisement for the hiring of a Full Time Dispatcher  
Jessica – due to the volume and shifts being needed it was determined it would be beneficial to hire a full time position in that department, which would cost less than the overtime we've had. She'd like to get this started because it takes time to get someone hired.

### **PUBLIC PORTION (for agenda items only)**

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Cavileer  
All were in favor. No public comment.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolutions were read again.

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

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

## **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$ 2,139,519.33**

Motion to approve – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilman Light

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 12/19/2019

Re-Organization Minutes – 1/2/2020

Motion to approve – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Cavileer

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes 12/19 & abstain 1/2; Light, yes; Phillips, yes; Bennett, yes

## **REPORTS**

**Steve – Parks and Playground** – the subcommittee for the concerts have met and they will begin on 6/28 – his next meeting is 2/18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Betty – Economic Development** – her next meeting is 2/6 at 4:30 p.m. ABCD met and they are reorganizing and they would like to meet with the Economic Development committee. Flags have been hung on NJ Ave. She wished Ed Vincent well.

**Frank – Public Safety** – his next meeting is 2/3 at 6:00 p.m.

**Caleb – Finance** – our meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Next one 2/20.

**Butch – Public Works** – his meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. He's been riding around with Steve and checking out street lights that are out and reporting them to the AC Electric. He encouraged the public to do it as well. You can go to their website and report them or they could report them to him. Turner Cove circuit is out as well.

**Jessica** – working on the budget process now and taking in requests from the departments

## **MONTHLY REPORTS - December – Carie**

Clerk's office – \$5,111.00

Construction – \$8,639.00

Tax Collection – \$1,094,582.16

Municipal Court - \$9,884.69

**Mayor** – she's a member of the Senior Center Board of Trustees and discussed the results of the survey that was done. She heard from Assemblyman Mazzeo who started the steps for our dredging that we'd like done. She contacted the Governor's office and asked to put more money into dredging projects. She heard there could be federal monies as well. She attended another meeting today regarding Atlantic City's plans for the future. Her office hours for the public will be on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Keith** – asked Caleb about the Faunce Landing event and he said it's in the planning stages now, but it will be called Creek Fest and be on 9/12 from 2 to 9:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**Keith** – there will be meeting on the Air BNB's on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. It will not be open to the public, but after that they will form an ad hoc committee to meet and invite them to it. It's going to take some time.

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Cavileer  
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: 2/6/2020