

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Crowley, Mr. Levchuk, Mr. Polcini, Mr. Rotondi, Mr. Winslow, and Mr. Madden. Present also was Mayor Gillian, Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano and Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson.

Council President Mr. Madden called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. Mr. Madden led the prayer. Mr. Madden announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:**

Mayor Gillian informed everyone that the Sea Spray condominiums have been red-tagged; Ms. McCrosson will elaborate.

Ms. McCrosson said that the Sea Spray condominiums will remain red-tagged until a report is submitted after the repairs have been made due to a construction failure.

Mr. Kelchner invited everyone to attend the Special Olympics being held April 28<sup>th</sup> at Carey Stadium; the event will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Savastano provided an explanation on Resolution No. 3. He spoke about the proposed public safety building and also about the sub-station that will be built on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mr. Madden read aloud “A Proclamation Declaring April 29, 2024 Arbor Day in Ocean City, New Jersey.”

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Ed O'Donnell – Hotels** – attended a bible study for the homeless yesterday. He also spoke about the harmful effects of cigarette smoke and how it aggravates his allergies.

**Bob Hellyer – 34 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street** – expressed his concerns about the proposed commercial marina going into a residential marina and asked for council’s support to stop this from happening.

**Samantha Wilezol – 916 Wesley Ave** – raised a concern about having bible study available in public schools; she believes that faith should be available for students to learn about.

**Paul Wilezol – Somers Point** – he said he is proud of her daughter for coming up with the concept of creating a bible study in a public school in Somers Point. He spoke about the homeless people he has encountered in Daytona, Florida and said that we should consider helping those in need.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:**

Mr. Winslow said that he supports moving forward on the new plan for the public safety building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, April 11, 2024. Motion moved by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed.

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:**

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 24-06 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Crowley. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 24-06 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement to Lease Space at 801 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey**

Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on the ordinance. Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-06 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Crowley. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024 and will be published according to law.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 24-07 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Levchuk. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 24-07 – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City – 2024 Reorganization II**

Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on the ordinance. There was some discussion. Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-07 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024 and will be published according to law.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

**24-61-001 - #1** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #24-24, FEMA Grant Management Services – Residential Property Elevations to Black & Veatch Corporation

**24-61-002 - #2** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to McCrosson & Stanton, P.C. for Special Litigation Services

**24-61-003 - #3** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to William McLees Architecture LLC for the Design of the Public Safety Building Alterations and Additions

24-61-004 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract with William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, LLC for Providing a Performance at the Music Pier

24-61-005 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Omnia Partners - Public Sector Cooperative Contract #02-27, Comprehensive Operational & Janitorial Supplies Solutions on an as Needed Basis from SupplyItAll

24-61-006 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to a Professional Services Contract with Arthur Chew Consulting, LLC for Additional Engineering Services

24-61-007 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 to a Contract with FieldTurf USA, Inc. through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) a Regional Cooperative Pricing System Contract #22/23-37

24-61-008 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the City of Ocean City's Participation in New Jersey Regional Cooperative ESCNJ Contract #23/24-02, Electrical Services – Time & Materials with Troller Electric, LLC

24-61-009 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement Between the City of Ocean City and the City of Sea Isle City, Cape May County, New Jersey for Plumbing Sub-Code and Inspections

24-61-010 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Crowley. All eyes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Levchuk said that agrees with the proposed plan for the public safety building and supports moving forward. Mr. Rotondi commented on the proposed plan for the public safety building and said there were major concerns with the previous plan; he is happy with the new concept and supports moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Rotondi requested to have lights at the 34<sup>th</sup> Street field for the kids and also for safety reasons. He also mentioned the Air B&B tax and wanted to know if the city is planning on including it.

Mr. Crowley said that he is happy to see the kids who came to "bring your kids to work day" and hopes they are enjoying their time and learning a lot.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Frank Worrell – 3307 Simpson Ave – said that he is in support of the proposed public safety building. He also asked about incorporating the Silver Sneakers program at the rec center; it would be about a savings of \$300.00 if the city had the program available for the seniors.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All eyes followed. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

  
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Melissa Rasner, City Clerk