

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barnes, 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 moment of silence. Mr. Madden announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Mayor Gillian gave the Oath of Office to Ocean City Fire Chief, Bernie Walker.

Council President Madden read a proclamation honoring James P. Smith and was joined by City Council and the Mayor. Mayor Gillian presented Smith with a "Piece of the Walk."

Council President Madden read a proclamation honoring Tom Rotondi and was joined by City Council and the Mayor. Mayor Gillian presented Rotondi with a "Key to the City."

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Mayor Gillian provided an explanation on the agenda items regarding the pool renovations. He also provided an update on the Merion Park Flood Mitigation project. Mayor Gillian was sad to mention that Regina Ralston, the vice president of the Ecumenical Council and the manager of the Ocean City Food Cupboard has passed away; he encouraged everyone to donate to the Food Cupboard in memory of her.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Kevin Heimers – 101 Cook Drive – NY – said he performs on the boardwalk and he thinks the new rules set forth by city are constrictive and performers are becoming unmotivated to perform.

Andrew Fasy – 900 Gardens Parkway – thanked the city for supporting youth sports programs. Also he commented that the new batting cages that were installed are wonderful and are greatly appreciated.

Jeff Craighead – Bike MS – he and his wife spoke about the MS Bike to Shore ride; this will be the 44th year and it will take place on September 28th. He and his wife presented a plaque to the Mayor and council for their appreciation and touched upon how this bike ride helps raise funds and changes people's lives for the better.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Winslow said that the Merion Park project is being finalized and he will be discussing and gathering a collective opinion about what the steps are going to be moving forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, June 13, 2024. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Crowley. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Rotondi who abstained.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

24-61-046 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #24-30, Moorlyn Terrace Boardwalk Ramp Improvements

24-61-047 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #24-09, Aquatic & Fitness Center Pool Renovation

24-61-048 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ACT Engineers, Inc. for 2024 Dredge Program Design

24-61-049 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #23-36, Merion Park Phase II Drainage Improvements with L. Feriozzi Concrete Company

24-61-050 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #22-10, 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid West Avenue 18th Street to 26th Street Road & Drainage Improvements with South State, Inc.

24-61-051 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a 2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Wesley Avenue, 1st Street to 5th Street

24-61-052 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to a Contract with Millennium Communications Group, Inc. through NJSTART State Contract #88740

24-61-053 - #8 - A Resolution Amending the 2024 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Clean Communities Grant Program

24-61-054 - #9 - A Resolution Amending the 2024 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the National Opioids Settlement Fund

24-61-055 - #10 - A Resolution Approving the "5-Year Consolidated Plan Program Years 2024-2028 and the 2024 Annual Action Plan" and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (Program Years 2024-2028) Report in Accordance with the U.S. HUD CDBG Program

24-61-056 - #11 - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund #2024-7

24-61-057 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 429 West Avenue, Block 211, Lot 4; Project #18-020PBA

24-61-058 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 3736-38 Wesley Avenue, Block 3701, Lot 21; Project #22-029ZBA
24-61-059 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 921 Asbury Avenue, Block 904, Lot 15; Project #22-013PBA
24-61-060 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 61 West 16th Street, Block 1510, Lot 30; Project #23-016ZBA
24-61-061 - #16 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 314 E. Surf Road, Block 70.26, Lot 36 (35.01); Project #22-0221PBA
24-61-062 - #17 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 106-122 Atlantic Avenue, 723 2nd Street, Block 106, Lot (S) 21-26; Project #21-022ZBA
24-61-063 - #18 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 1004 Ocean Avenue, Block 1002, Lot 12; Project #22-008PBA
24-61-064 - #19 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2737-39 Haven Avenue, Block 2704, Lot 3; Project #22-005PBA
24-61-065 - #20 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 910 Ocean Avenue, Block 902, Lot 7; Project #20-018PBA
24-61-066 - #21 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 719 10th Street & 943 Ocean Avenue, Block 901, Lot(S) 25 & 26; Project #14-014PSPF
24-61-067 - #22 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee, Letter of Credit (68186094) for a Construction Project at 3360 Asbury Avenue, Block 3303, Lot 20; Project #23-002PBA
24-61-068 - #23 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 515 20th Street, Block 1902, Lot 23.02; Project #22-019IPBA
24-61-069 - #24 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Sub-Recipient Agreement Between the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and City of Ocean City For the Implementation of the Boardwalk Preservation Fund Grant Program
24-61-070 - #25 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to McCrosson & Stanton, P.C. For Special Litigation Services Counsel to Represent Ocean City in the Matter of Nelson Dice vs. City of Ocean City
24-61-071 - #26 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to McCrosson & Stanton, P.C. For Special Litigation Services Counsel to Represent Ocean City in the Matter of 14th & West Associates LLC vs. City of Ocean City, Et Al.

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

Mr. Winslow asked for Resolution No. 27 to be pulled from the consent agenda; his wife worked as a poll worker for the Primary Election and her payment is on the bill list. The clerk read the title of the resolution; **24-61-072 - #27 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims**

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment on the pulled resolution and no one wished to speak. Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 27. Motion moved by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Winslow who abstained.

PENDING BUSINESS:

No pending business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rotondi said thank you for his time spent as a councilman and he appreciates everyone's well wishes. The councilmen all thanked Mr. Rotondi for this time on council and wished him well on his new endeavors.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

No one from the public wished to speak.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk