

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

No reports were given.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ed O'Donnell – Hotels – spoke about treating people with kindness and having the ability to forgive. Also, he said that people need to engage in uplifting and positive activities for their mental health. He also spoke about the harmful effects of cigarette smoke.

Bill Merritt – 2140 Simpson Ave – is a member of the Ocean City history and culture commission. He extended his condolences to Roy Gillian and family and said that his legacy in the city will be missed. Mr. Merritt expressed his concerns about the future of the boardwalk now that Wonderland Pier has been sold; the legacy of the landmark is in the hands of city council. He suggested that the city continue to be transparent and to let the public weigh in on what will come next.

Ed Dixon – 3507 Asbury Ave – said thank you for dedicating the month of August to military veterans and all of the events that have been created in order to honor the veterans.

Donna Saber – 1324 Asbury Ave, Unit A – presented council and administration with a copy of the deed for Wonderland Pier from January 13, 1995. She expressed her concerns about the future of the city with the news of the closing of Wonderland.

Bill MacAllister – 115 W. 15th Street – suggested that the planning board and city council do something about the construction of homes especially the density; he thinks it is starting to get out of control.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

No reports were given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, August 8, 2024. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Crowley. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

24-61-100 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC for General Municipal Bond Counsel Services for the City of Ocean City

24-61-101 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 and Final Acceptance and Final Payment to T.R. Weniger, Inc. for City Contract #24-22 R-1, Removal of Two (2) Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) at the 5th Street Fire Department Headquarters

24-61-102 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the First Extension of City Contract #23-24 R-1, Rental & Servicing of Portable Toilets & Trailers for the City of Ocean City with Caprioni Portable Toilets

24-61-103 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the First Extension (2024 – 2025) of City RFP Q-23-04, Consultant Services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the City of Ocean City with Triad Associates

24-61-104 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #23-36, Merion Park Phase II Drainage Improvements with L. Feriozzi Concrete Company

24-61-105 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance & Final Payment to a Contract with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (Tremco) through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Regional Cooperative Contract #ESCNJ/AEPA-21D

24-61-106 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #5 to a Professional Services Contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. for Transportation and Disposal of Hazardous Soils

24-61-107 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of the City of Ocean City Cooperative Pricing System #251COCCPS

24-61-108 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell said that the seagull situation has drastically improved and he thanked administration for addressing the issue; it is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Levchuk said that the experience on the boardwalk has been great this summer especially since the incidents that occurred on Memorial Day weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

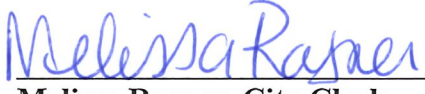
No new business was discussed.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Bill Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – welcomed Mr. Barnes, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Levchuk and Mr. Hartzell and congratulated them on being elected. He also spoke about the recent Little Miss Ocean City pageant. He was very disheartened that Mr. Levchuk's 11 year old daughter was not included in the award ceremony; out of all of the contestants she was the only one who did not get an award.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk