

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY**

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

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

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:**

Mayor Gillian provided an explanation on several agenda items and he also spoke about upcoming events scheduled for the weekend and following months. A full report can be found on the city website under the Mayor's Letter.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Steve Kearns – 1021 West Ave – said he is not in favor of Ordinance No. 25-08.

George Stevenson – 16 Beach Road – thanked the administration for removing the spot lights on his street.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:**

No reports were given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt the following minutes: the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, June 26, 2025; the closed session meeting minutes of Thursday, June 26, 2025; and the reorganization meeting minutes of Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

**ORDINANCE: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:**

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 25-09 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed. The clerk read the title of the ordinance aloud.

**Ordinance No. 25-09 – A Bond Ordinance Providing for Acquisition of Property in and by the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$960,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$912,000 in Bonds and Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on the ordinance. There was some discussion. Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-09 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed. Mr. Crowley announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 25-08 is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and will be published according to law.

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 25-10 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed. The clerk read the title of the ordinance aloud.

**Ordinance No. 25-10 – An Ordinance Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on the ordinance. There was discussion. Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-10 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. Mr. Crowley announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 25-10 is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and will be published according to law.

**ORDINANCE: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 25-08 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Hartzell who voted no. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 25-08 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Imposing a Transient Accommodations Fee on Certain Properties in the City of Ocean City**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation of the ordinance. There was much discussion. Mr. Crowley opened the meeting up for public comment on the ordinance.

Brian Salvo - 412 Asbury Ave – not in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Crowley closed the public comment portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-08 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hartzell and Mr. Polcini who all voted no.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

25-62-439- A Resolution Authorizing the Award of an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services (E.U.S.) Contract to Brown & Brown Metro, LLC for Broker of Record Services for the City of Ocean City Employee Benefits Program

**25-62-440**- A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Engineering Design Associates, P.A. (EDA) for Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Site Improvements to the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Complex

**25-62-441**- A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #6 to City Contract #24-28, Various Alleys, Roads & Drainage Improvements, Phase I with Paving Plus, LLC

**25-62-442**- A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 & the Final Acceptance & Final Payment to R. A. Walters & Son, Inc. for City Contract #24-16, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Outfall Upgrades

**25-62-443**- A Resolution Authorizing the Increase in the City's Public Bidding Threshold

**25-62-444**- A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Procurement Policy & Procedures Manual

**25-62-445**- A Resolution Approving the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2025 Beginning September 1, 2025 Through August 31, 2026 in Accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

**25-62-446**- A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the HUD CDBG Substantial Amendments to the 2018 and 2023 Annual Action Plans for ADA Beach Ramps and Mat Improvements and 2024 Consolidated Plan for the Senior Center Services Program

**25-62-447**- A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 1746 Central Avenue, Block 1703, Lot 24; Project #22-027ZBA

**25-62-448**- A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hartzell provided a report on businesses in the downtown. He also commented that the businesses that are not open on the avenue have window treatments and they look great.

Mr. Polcini thanked the administration and Mayor for the continued open communication with council.

Mr. Madden informed everyone on the lot size for the proposed purchase of the property at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Central that will potentially be used for parking.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hartzell mentioned the details for the service being held on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. for Mr. Godfrey who has recently passed away.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

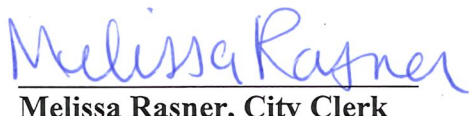
**Bill Merrit – 1240 Simpson Ave** – suggested that the Ferris Wheel be lit up at 6<sup>th</sup> and the boardwalk for the summer season.

**Jackie Wolchko – 5009 Haven Ave** – spoke about the flooding that occurs at 50<sup>th</sup> and Haven and asked that it be addressed.

**Marian Doherty – 853 Plaza Place** – said she is not in favor of a hotel at 6<sup>th</sup> and the boardwalk and explained why.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk