

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 the bond ordinance and several other agenda items on the consent agenda including the resolution authorizing the advertisement of the city contract for downtown street lights. Mayor Gillian informed everyone that he has had meetings with the police chief to discuss the public safety building and will continue to do so.

Mr. Allegretto spoke about the playground proposal presented by Mr. Hartzell and provided information regarding green acres approval and permit approvals that would be needed. He informed everyone that the cost for a bulkhead would be about \$30,000.00. He stated that plumbing would not be able to be installed on the beach due to erosion. He also suggested that the governing body gain neighborhood feedback and also feedback from the boardwalk merchants on the proposed beach playground. There was discussion with the governing body members and Mr. Allegretto.

Mr. Savastano informed everyone that the city won an award for outstanding floodplain management for the Merion Park Flood Mitigation project.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**George Tuthill – 717 Central Ave** – suggested that Resolution No. 3 be tabled because LED lighting is harmful and there are many health complications as a result of LED lighting.

**David Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane** – spoke about the payment of claims resolutions and expressed concerns about a professional services contract regarding the crown bank building located at 801 Asbury Ave.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:**

No reports were given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, October 9, 2025. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

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

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 25-13 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 25-13 – A Bond Ordinance Providing for Renovations to 3400 Block of West/Asbury Avenue Recreation Facility in and by the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$7,500,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,809,500 Bonds or 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 opened the meeting up for public comment on the ordinance and no one wished to speak. Mr. Crowley closed the public comment portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-13 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Barnes. All ayes followed.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

**(1.)25-62-513-** A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-07, 2026 – 2028 Firework Displays for the City of Ocean City & the Members of the Ocean City Cooperative Pricing System (#251COCCPS)

**(2.)25-62-514-** A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-09, Supply & Delivery of Concrete & Related Materials

**(3.)25-62-515-** A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-12, Downtown Street Light Improvements from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street

**(4.)25-62-516-** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ACT Engineers, Inc. for Environmental Permitting Services for Possible Beach Nourishment & Restoration Services

**(5.)25-62-517-** A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #12 and the Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #23-36, Merion Park Phase II Drainage Improvements with L. Feriozzi Concrete Company

**(6.)25-62-518-** A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #24-30, Moorlyn Terrace Boardwalk Ramp Improvements with Weatherby Construction & Renovation, Corporation

**(7.)25-62-519-** A Resolution Authorizing the Update to the City of Ocean City's Policy Regarding Americans with Disabilities Act and Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

- (8.)25-62-520- A Resolution Authorizing the Update to the City of Ocean City's Policy Regarding Anti-Harassment within the Workplace
- (9.)25-62-521- A Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency and Urging Immediate State and Federal Legislative Action to Address Severe and Ongoing Beach Erosion in City of Ocean City
- (10.)25-62-522- A Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services
- (11.)25-62-523- A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 633 Asbury Avenue, Block 1004, Lot(s) 6; Project #23-025PBA
- (12.)25-62-524- A Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Certain Grant Receivables and Appropriated Reserves
- (13.)25-62-525- A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Winslow commented that the 34<sup>th</sup> Street playground design is brilliant and he is excited about the new equipment that will include sensory activities and a wide range of activities for all to enjoy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Levchuk provided an update regarding the first meeting that took place with the subcommittee for the Boardwalk from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Hartzell shared comments about the subcommittee for the Boardwalk from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and is looking forward to getting more feedback about their ideas.

Mr. Barnes spoke about the subcommittee for the Boardwalk from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and stated that the public will eventually be engaged and able to share their thoughts.

Mr. Crowley announced that he has added two new members to the subcommittee who are architects; Shannon Halliday and Jocelyn Palaganas. He will also be holding a ward meeting on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> at the yacht club at 9 a.m. and only 1<sup>st</sup> ward issues will be part of the discussion. Mr. Crowley also made it clear that city council worked together with the administration regarding 801 Asbury; due diligence was done and all came to the conclusion that the property was not appropriate to house the police department permanently. Also, he commented on Mr. Hartzell's beach playground proposal; three councilmen would have to bring the idea forward in order to continue the conversation.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Joe Wagner – 205 Asbury Ave – said that there are bikes that have been abandoned on the boardwalk and have been sitting there for over three weeks. He expressed his concerns about e-bike safety and stated that 82.7% of people want the hotel at 600 Boardwalk.

Nelson Dice – 12<sup>th</sup> and Central – said he will be having a meeting in council chambers to discuss the four organic laws of the country and said he hopes to bring the power of the holy spirit to town.

Frank Worrell – 3307 Simpson Ave – said he is not against the idea of a hotel at 600 Boardwalk.

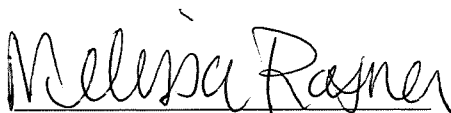
Jackie Murphy – Brighton Place – said she is not in favor of the proposed beach themed playground at the boardwalk; she thinks that any open space should be preserved especially where the beach is vulnerable.

Maryann Brewer – 308 6<sup>th</sup> Street – requested that the planning and zoning board meetings be video-taped; she thinks that the audio is not enough.

Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – referred to the council meeting held on September 25<sup>th</sup> and spoke about the Bond Ordinance No. 25-12 that was tabled; he spoke specifically about the mansion tax and also expressed concerns about appraisals that the city received.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Polcini. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

  
Melissa Rasner, City Clerk