

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
CITY OF OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Levchuk, Mr. Madden and Mr. Winslow. Mr. Polcini was absent. 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 informed everyone that public works is preparing the 110 miles of roads in the city for the winter storm that is coming this weekend. He also provided updates on the recent e-bike safety law, the police substation, the boardwalk project from 2nd to 5th Street and from 12th to 14th Street. A full and detailed report can be found on the city's website.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Susan Cracovaner – 156 Asbury Avenue – requested that city council remove Resolution No. 26-30 from the consent agenda so that a detailed explanation can be made to the public before it is voted on.

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Rd – requested that city council remove Resolution No. 26-30 from the consent agenda so that a detailed explanation can be made to the public before it is voted on.

Marie Hayes – 641 Battersea Rd - requested that city council remove Resolution No. 26-30 from the consent agenda so that a detailed explanation can be made to the public before it is voted on.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Winslow reported that the subcommittee for the boardwalk met this morning and also that there will be a public meeting held on February 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the lecture hall at the library to discuss data that has been collected. He reminded everyone that no plans for 600 Boardwalk will be discussed at the public meeting.

Mr. Hartzell said that it is important to discuss a short-term solution/idea for 600 Boardwalk especially before the summer season approaches.

Mr. Barnes suggested that the subcommittee meeting at the library on February 7th be videotaped and made available on the city's website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, January 8, 2026. Motion moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

26-29- A Resolution Authorizing a Contract between the City of Ocean City and the Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training & Opportunity Center, Inc. for the Manufacture & Supply of Beach Tags for the 2026 Calendar Year

26-31- A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Thomas G. Smith, P.C. for Special Legal Counsel for Tax Appeals for Calendar Year 2026

26-32- A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #25-18, 2025 - 2026 Back Bay Mechanical Dredging with ResilientSeas, LLC

26-33- A Resolution Authorizing the Second and Final Extension of City RFP Q-24-01, City Physician Services for the City of Ocean City

26-34- A Resolution Authorizing the Second and Final Extension of City Contract #24-12, Installation, Removal & Storage of City Owned Holiday Decorations for Various Locations

26-35- A Resolution Authorizing the First Extension of City Competitive Contract #25-05 R-1, Vending Machine Concession Services for the City of Ocean City & the Ocean City Free Public Library to Big Time Vending

26-36- A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #25-06, Supply & Delivery of Beach Patrol Uniforms and Accessories

26-37- A Resolution Designating the Ocean City Sentinel and the Press of Atlantic City as Official Newspapers

26-38- A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Reappointment of Calvin Peck as Member to the Ocean City Lifeguard Pension Fund

26-39- A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 130 & 136 West Avenue, Block 109 Lot(s) 17 & 18; Project #22-101PBA

26-40- Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 106 12th Street, Block 1207 Lot(s) 10; Project #22-007PBA

26-41- Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 400 West Surf Road, Block 70.18 Lot(s) 12; Project #20-0104PBA

26-42- Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 1357 Asbury Avenue, Block 1304 Lot(s) 2; Project #21-019PBA

26-43-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.

REMOVED RESOLUTION:

26-30- A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Ridgway Legal as Special Legal Counsel for City Council of the City of Ocean City

Mr. Barnes asked to pull Resolution No. 26-30 so that it can be explained in more detail. Council President, Mr. Crowley provided an explanation on the resolution and there was discussion. Mr. Crowley opened up the meeting for public comment and no one wished to speak. Mr. Crowley closed the public comment portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-30. Motion moved by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Winslow. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Winslow said that the 34th Street project is moving along well and is making significant headway and should be ready for Memorial Day.

Mr. Hartzell said that the MLK service was well done and kudos to all those involved. Also, he said he is pleased to see that the city looks much cleaner; passing the ordinance regarding dumpsters made a great difference.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Rd – spoke about the council meeting that was held on December 4th; he expressed his feelings about the way city council responded to the public regarding proposed plans for 600 Boardwalk.

Marie Hayes – 641 Battersea Rd - spoke about the council meeting that was held on December 4th; he expressed his feelings about the way city council responded to the public regarding proposed plans for 600 Boardwalk.

Marie Crawford – 835 Pelham Place – suggested a face book page for ocean city registered voters to voice concerns and take polls on important issues and then the results can be presented to city council. Also, she asked about handicap parking spots.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk