

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 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. Polcini and Mr. Winslow. Mr. Madden 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**

The State of the City Address was given by Mayor Gillian.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Jim Kelly – 137 Wesley Ave – spoke about Resolution No. 26-88; he is not opposed to city council seeking expertise. His main concern is the scope of work.

Marie Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – requested that Resolution No’s 26-81, 26-83 and 26-88 be pulled from the consent agenda for further explanation and discussion.

Marie Crawford - 835 Pelham Place – had questions about Resolution No. 26-92 on the consent agenda and asked for more information.

**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, February 19, 2026. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Levchuk. All ayes followed.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:**

**No. 26-02** – An Ordinance Replacing the Entire Contents of the Existing Affordable Housing Ordinance of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey (Article 2000 of the Ocean City Zoning and Land Development Ordinance) and Repealing all Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of Which are Inconsistent Herewith Including, but not Limited to, Article 1900 (“Affordable Housing Development Fees”), Article 1901 (“Affordable Housing Set Aside”) and Article 2100 (“Municipal Housing Liaison”)

Administration requested that Ordinance No. 26-02 be tabled until April 23, 2026. Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to table Ordinance No. 26-02. Motion moved by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 26-03 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. 26-03 – An Ordinance Amending a Portion of Ordinance 87-17 and 13-23, Chapter II, “Boards, Authorities and Commissions” of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation on the ordinance. 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. 26-03 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Polcini. All ayes followed.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

**26-78-** A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-18, Supply & Installation of Solar Panels on Various City Buildings

**26-79-** A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-19, Lease of a Portion of Block 215, Lot 3.01 for Recreational Waterpark Activities

**26-80-** A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #26-10, Supply & Delivery of Uniforms & Sportswear Apparel

**26-82-** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Blaney, Donohue & Weinberg, P.C. for Labor Counsel Services for Calendar Year 2026

**26-84-** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Edmund F.X. Devlin, Esq. for Municipal Public Defender Legal Counsel Services for the City of Ocean City for Calendar Year 2026

**26-85-** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Mark S. Ruderman, Esq. of Ruderman & Roth for Labor Counsel Services for Calendar Year 2026

**26-86-** A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract for Substitute Municipal Prosecutors for the Ocean City Municipal Court for the 2026 Calendar Year

**26-87-** A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract for Conflict Public Defender Legal Services for the City of Ocean City for the 2026 Calendar Year

**26-89-** A Resolution Authorizing the First Extension of City Competitive Contract #25-07, Falconry Based Bird Abatement (FBBA) Services with East Coast Falcons

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Wes Kazmarck – on behalf of the boardwalk merchant's** – explained the process of how events happen on the boardwalk; the boardwalk merchants have a self-imposed tax called SID (special improvement district) tax that helps to bring entertainment which is about \$90,000; in addition, the merchants donate about \$40,000 a year. He suggested that the group CLAMS coordinate with the city, boardwalk merchants and chamber in an effort to be on the same page and prepare to have a successful summer.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Levchuk. All ayes followed. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



**Melissa Rasner, City Clerk**