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**JANUARY 7, 2009  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor Elco

**INVOCATION** - Pastor Ed Davis, United Methodist Church at Absecon

**ROLL CALL:** Fishman, Marczyk, Green, Falivene, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

**Also Present:** Mayor Pete Elco; Terry Dolan, City Administrator; City Solicitor, Mike Blee; CFO, Jessica Thompson & Carie Crone, City Clerk

**PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW** – Carie

**NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED** – Carie

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

**Fred Green, Councilperson, at Large**, Oath administered by Mayor Elco

**Barbara “Bobbie” Gorman, Councilperson, Ward 1**, Oath administered by County Executive Dennis Levenson

**Gerald Falivene, Councilperson, Ward 2**, Oath administered by County Executive Dennis Levinson

**ROLL CALL**

Marczyk could not be here tonight because he is in the process of being appointed a Superior Court Judge. We are still waiting to find out.

Green, Caterson, Falivene, Vizthum, Gorman

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Motion for nomination of Lynn Caterson by Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call – Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

Administration of Oath of Office was given by County Executive Dennis Levinson

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

Motion for nomination of Jerry Falivene made by

Roll Call – Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

Administration of Oath of Office was given by County Executive Dennis Levinson

**01** Filling a vacancy in the position of Councilperson First Ward.

Motion for nomination of Drew Fishman, Councilperson, Ward 1 by Councilman Green – second – Councilman Falivene

Motion to approve – Councilman Falivene – second – Councilwoman Gorman

Roll Call – Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

Oath was administered by Mayor Elco

### **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS BY RESOLUTION – 2010**

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 02** Re-appointment and Appointing members to the Absecon Planning Board.  
Bern Roswell and Tom Hunter  
Brian Conover – Municipal Official
- 03** Re-appointing and Appointing members to the Absecon Library Board.  
Dr. Edgar Bristow
- 04** Re-appointing members to the Parks and Playgrounds Committee.  
Pete Higbee and John Gorman

Motion to approve – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Falivene

Roll Call – Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes, abstain on #4; Caterson, yes

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - THE YEAR 2010**

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 05** Authorizing the annual schedule of Work and Regular Meetings of Absecon City Council for the calendar year 2010.
- 06** Awarding a contract for professional services for a City Auditor.  
Ford, Scott, and Associates, LLC.
- 07** Awarding a contract for professional services of a City Attorney.  
Michael Blee, Esq.
- 08** Awarding a contract for professional services for a Labor Attorney.  
D. William Subin, Counselor at Law.
- 09** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Public Defender.  
James P. Grimley, Esq.
- 10** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services for a Municipal Prosecutor.  
William E. Gasbarro, Esq.
- 11** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a City Planner.

Remington, Vernick & Walberg, Engineers

- 12 Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Bond Counsel.  
Ronald Ianoale, Esq.
- 13 Appointing an Authorized Agent for the sale of City owned land.  
Terence J. Dolan, Administrator
- 14 Authorizing the Tax Assessor as the Agent in Adjustment appeals to reduce assessments.
- 15 Designating the Interest and Penalty rate on unpaid taxes.
- 16 Designating the official newspapers.
- 17 Adopting the Cash Management Plan of the City of Absecon.
- 18 Establishing the 2010 Temporary Budget for Current Fund and Sewer Utility Fund.
- 19 Appointing a Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund.  
Michael F. Thomas, Glenn Insurance
- 20 Appointing a Fund Commissioner for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Fund.  
Terence J. Dolan, City Administrator
- 21 Appointing a Councilperson to the Planning Board.  
Jerry Falivene, 1 year
- 22 Re-appointing members to the Zoning Board.  
Chris Seher, Matt Lawler and Doug Pierce  
Vince Leonetti, Sr. and Joe Polisano
- 23 Appointing a Mercantile License Clerk.  
Carie A. Crone, RMC, re-appointment, 1 year
- 24 Appointing a Lien Clerk for the City of Absecon.  
Agnes Bambrick, CTC, re-appointment, 1 year
- 25 Appointing an Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.  
Leticia Loeser, 1 year.
- 26 Ensuring Time Capsule to be opened in the year 2052.
- 27 Confirming meetings of City Committees, Commissions and Boards for the year 2010.
- 28 Awarding a contract for Professional Services for a Conflict Labor Attorney.  
Stephen Barse, Counselor at Law

Motion to approve consent agenda – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum  
Roll Call – Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS** - Mayor Peter C. Elco gave his address

## COMMENTS

**Drew** – thanked everybody for the ability of working with them last year and looks forward to the coming year. It is going to be a challenging year.

**Fred** – welcomed everybody here tonight. Thanked his wife publicly for getting him through the last 4 months as well as his family for coming tonight. Congratulated Bobbie, Jerry and Drew as well as Lynn. We are going to have a hard agenda this year and he hopes he can live up to Charlie's legacy.

**Jerry** – thanked everyone who came out tonight and his family too. Congratulated Fred, Bobbie and Drew. If there is anybody that could come close to filling Charlie's shoes, it's Fred Green.

**Jim** – It can't be said enough about the crowd here tonight. Feels Fred will do a great job and he congratulated everyone. Invited all to the Legion after the meeting. Thanked all the volunteers and city employees with the snowstorm last month. Thanked Eddie Dennis for the work on the NJ Ave. project, which has started with the surveyors being out there this week.

**Bobbie** – very honored to be serving another term and appreciates everybody who came out tonight, and appreciates her family all attending as well. Recognized the public works dept. for the snow removal. Even though she got a few complaints, as she drove through other towns, they weren't cleared as good as ours.

**Lynn** – thanked volunteers and employees who showed up tonight and appreciated County Executive Levenson's words about us getting along. She's had many comments about people thinking it's all an act, but we all do really get along. Glad Charlie was mentioned and she feels he is watching over us and will always be here. Thursday 1/14 is the first budget mtg. at 6 p.m. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we are going to a JIF meeting. Congratulated the members who got sworn in.

**Terry** – on behalf of himself and the staff at city hall he congratulated all the re-elected members of council and we look forward to working with all of you. Agrees with the Mayor in keeping the optimism level up.

## PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Falivene – second – Councilman Fishman  
All were in favor.

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Fishman  
All were in favor.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Fishman - second – Councilman Green  
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_