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**MARCH 4, 2010
REGULAR & WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

PRAYER – Father Cosme, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Fishman, Falivene, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

Absent: Green

Also Present: Mayor Elco, Terry Dolan, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone, Mike Blee, City Solicitor and Eddie Dennis, City Engineer

**PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED**

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Fishman – second – Councilman Falivene

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Seher – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING AGENDA

2010 RESOLUTIONS

- 52** Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Absecon Blue Devils.
- 53** Authorizing the release of escrow funds posted by Absecon Lions Blind Center.
- 54** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 311 Coolidge Avenue.
- 55** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 413 S. Shore Road.

- 56** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Atlantic County for aerial mosquito spraying

Lynn – this is not a cost to Absecon, this is the County asking permission to “fly over” certain heavy breeding areas.

- 57** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the United Methodist Church of Absecon for the operation of the Community Center for Senior Citizens.

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. #52 to #57 made by Councilman Vizthum - second - Councilman Falivene

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes, Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$237,520.07

Motion to accept – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes, Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – mentioned that Chief Cowan met with a rep from the organization NAMI and hopes to continue working with them. There is a program on March 8th and we are looking to have someone attend that meeting and he hopes to have more to come in the future.

Chris – finance committee is still moving forward on our budget for this year. The salary issues for non-union employees will be discussed at our next meeting.

Drew – Parks and Playgrounds are preparing for concerts this summer. From the Planning Board, the AutoZone has started their building and hopes to be complete in the next couple months.

Jerry – thanked all the police, fire, EMS during the snowstorm. The fire dept. was on call 24 hours and even slept and ate there. All the departments did a phenomenal job. Announced mural party on 3/14.

Jim – had our Economic Development meeting tonight and Eddie Dennis gave us an update on the downtown project. Paperwork has been filed back and forth and we have state approval for the streetscape and we are moving on the federal approval. We will be meeting to discuss it further and hopefully out to bid in May.

Bobbie – announced upcoming events around the area.

Lynn – the website really works great and was able to find agendas, bill list and minutes. As soon as other boards approve minutes, they will go up too. The city received a Certificate of Achievement from JIF for outstanding performance by employees and volunteers of Absecon City for their safety efforts. This was due to a reduction of claims from 2008-2009. Thanked everyone who made this possible. Mentioned the 2/28 Press article regarding municipal officials’ problems this year and putting budgets together. She then clarified the municipal tax rate, which is a third of what was listed for the average. Our next budget meeting is 3/25 @ 6 p.m. Thanks to Terry and Public Works regarding signs being put up from people who think they can hang them wherever, especially utility poles. They are being contacted and being told it is illegal to do that. Violation notices might go out.

Terry – the fire chief asked me to thank all the residents who cleaned out the fire hydrants during the snowstorms this year. Safety Committee met and we are looking at kinds of activities that we undertake in the city to try and remind people to be safe as you go about your daily tasks. One idea is the beginning of a health and wellness campaign and we will start it off with Chief Cowan contacting AtlanticCare about getting information that we could distribute with the paychecks. We are also going to start “Lunch Laps”, where maybe those who choose to walk around the park on their lunch hour.

CORRESPONDENCE – Carie read

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – # 58-2010

Mike Blee – stated the reasons as litigation, specifically Greenberg et al v. City of Absecon. Those minutes can be disseminated if in fact, if in fact a final outcome of that litigation is reached or all appeals are exhausted or an amicable resolution reached.

No action will be taken after closed session.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

Mike – It’s 7:40 pm. and we are now out of closed session and the issue discussed was the issue discussed was that announced prior going into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Falivene - second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____