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**JUNE 17, 2010
REGULAR & WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

PRAYER – Pastor Dean Bult, Mainland Baptist Church, Galloway

ROLL CALL

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

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Elco, Terry Dolan, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone, Mike Blee

PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED - Jerry

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilwoman Gorman - second – Councilman Falivene
All were in favor.

Peter Mylenki - 1105 Marlborough Ave and 109 New Jersey Avenue Flower Shop – we received a notice of violation for signs that we have. The sandwich sign is an important part of our business. There is little to do to let people know that we are there. We don’t have much pedestrian traffic so the sign is not really impeding walkers. Sees very little impact on the right-of-way. Would like some relief from this ordinance.

Lynn – we can’t authorize any change in the ordinance, it’s a process.

Terry – the sandwich signs on streets have been a problem since I’ve been here. Thinks the balancing test is if two stores have one but every store. He guesses that is what council had in mind when they wrote the ordinance years ago. Will get him the ordinance but it would be up to council to change it or not. In the past months, we have aggressively gone after all kinds of illegal signs.

Signage discussion was held. Suggested he try for a temporary sign permit while this is looked into.

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

WORK MEETING AGENDA

Lynn – there are two resolutions to be added if we agree to do so.

Motion to add Res. 104 – Accepting a volunteer fire fighter into the dept. and Res. 105 – Authorizing an application for the 2010 NJ State Body Armor grant funds to the work meeting agenda made by Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Fishman

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

2010 ORDINANCES

2010 RESOLUTIONS

- 99** Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2010 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$1,200.00 from the State of New Jersey Cops in Shops.

Chris – what can we use the money for?

Chief Cowan – it's specifically for enforcement of minors attempting to purchase alcohol or someone else purchasing for a minor. It will be an undercover operation. **MOVED**

- 100** Granting a Raffle License to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. **MOVED**

- 101** Authorizing the City of Absecon to accept donations for improvements to the Heritage Park concession stand. **MOVED**

Terry – been approached by the Legion about the stand in the park, which is mostly used for the concerts to see if we can make it more of a permanent structure to store equipment and non-consumable supplies. It takes more time setting up and breaking it down than at the concert. Councilman Falivene has looked into the construction portion of it. They are looking for donations from the public to make it easier for a lot of people to use it.

Jerry – received verification from Clayton Masonry in Absecon and they have donated all the products we would need to raise the walls to full height and Peter Lumber has offered to donate materials. We are well on our way and hopefully I can pull my crew and start soon.

Chris – was there any concern or consideration of the permanent structure in the park and making it a bigger target for vandalism and/or youth hangouts? We've had problems with the gazebo.

Terry - It was raised by one member of the parks and playground committee and considered.

Jerry – gave a description of what it would like. It's such a burden on the men of the Legion and he wanted something done for them.

Fred – thinks it's a good idea especially for weather proofing it. It's an overdue project.

- 102** Authorizing the City of Absecon to accept donations for the 2010 National Night Out event. **MOVED**

Chris – suggested to council that all dept. heads post a notice to all employees to volunteer time.

- 103** Authorizing the Chief of Police to advertise for the position of full time patrol officer.

Lynn – there is reason to believe that before the end of the year someone will be retiring. So as to not find us in a vacancy we want to do the advertisement now and hire possibly by the end of the year. It wouldn't be for now.

Jerry – we did receive a letter today from one officer who is retiring. This is a long process to hire an officer.

104 Accepting a volunteer firefighter into the Absecon Fire Dept. namely Arjet Suka.

MOVED

105 Authorizing for an application for the 2010 New Jersey State Body Armor grant funds

MOVED

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ORDINANCES

06 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 282-Sewers, Article IX-Rates, Section 49, Sewer charges and Section 51, Payment of sewer charges; changes in charges.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Falivene

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

Fred – clarified the article in the Current about the facts about sewer rates not being raised since 1976

Motion to open to public – Councilman Fishman – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Falivene

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. #99 to #105 made by Councilwoman Gorman - second - Councilman Green

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes, abstain on 104; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,201,997.86

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

MONTHLY REPORTS – Carie

Construction - \$6,387

Clerk - \$4,872.75

Tax - \$1,556,320.35

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 5/6/10 and 5/20/10

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes, abstain on 5/20; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – no report

Chris – thanked the Mayor and Chief Cowan for attending the hour finance meeting that we had this evening. We talked about the cost of public safety, cost of staffing and overtime. We asked for a financial analysis to be done in house to see if there is a course of action to take.

Drew – first concert is 6/27 and antique cars will be displayed. Spoke to Comcast and they might possibly attend next meeting. Welcomed home members of the 177th fighter wing and read list of Absecon residents.

Fred – public works meeting has been changed to July 12th due to the holiday weekend.

Jerry – he has told people about locking things up but he didn't listen to his own advice and his car was robbed.

Jim – after the meetings with the downtown development, opinions and ideas have been taken into consideration. He thanked Terry and Eddie Dennis for planning them. They plan on attending the 6/22 planning board meeting.

Lynn – every effort will be made not to disrupt the businesses or the downtown fair.

Bobbie – commended Mr. Vizthum for taking time to get the businesses owner's input. Announced upcoming events.

Lynn – thanked the residents for taking care of their properties and all the volunteers in town, especially Andrew Mancuso, Stan Weiner and Bill Wilson who have helped with the planning of the downtown plans.

Terry – 2010 budget was difficult to adopt but in order to make sure we come in with a balanced budget in December I have spent more time than I have in years tracking the budget and I can tell you that it is very tight. He will report back to council periodically but something will need to be done.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Seher - second – Councilwoman Caterson

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____