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**JUNE 3, 2010
REGULAR & WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

PRAYER – Rev. David Cobb, Absecon Presbyterian Church

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Fishman (arrived 7:30), Green, Falivene, Vizthum, Gorman

Absent: Caterson

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

PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED - Jerry

PRESENTATION – Absecon Republican Club plaque commemorating Absecon Citizens of the Year awards was given to the city to hang in city hall.

Bob Kusnirik - explained this started 6 years ago and he and he introduced the past recipients of this award. This year’s recipient is Tony laconnelli.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Green - second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor.

Alex Corkhill – 236A Upland Ave. – Absecon – FAA has new construction under way and it will be bringing more people to this area. It might be a good idea to try and capture some of those families to Absecon. After reading the article about Visions, he urged whoever would grant the approval for changing the age-restriction, to keep it 55 and over. Residents bought into a certain lifestyle and they are owed that. Was there an increase in building units from the original approval?

Jerry – yes they came to the Planning Board for additional units and were granted that approval. There were certain criteria to be met before they could start that approval and it hasn’t been met yet. Nothing formally has been asked yet of the city. It should be made aware to the public if it happens.

Chris – he believes when the Planning Board granted increased number of units, that the last building built was to be the furthest away from the road, with the smaller units and larger in number in the building.

Alex – stated that he can't get ABTV but he gets GTV. He knows he is on the borderline. Is there anything in the works for sidewalks in the vicinity of the Lions Club?

Terry – will call Comcast for him to try to get it.

Jerry – Pitney is a county road so they would have to do that work.

Jim – explained where the sidewalk runs now.

Alex – there is a lot that is behind me but there has been a construction vehicle sitting there for years now and it's an eyesore. There is a bulldozer back there too that people can be started. Construction debris is around the site also.

Jerry – will look into it.

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

Drew Fishman arrived.

WORK MEETING AGENDA

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

2010 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.

Fred – our sewer has been in existence since 1976 and we've rebuilt all our stations and are running good. Since then we have saved monies in the account in case there are any breakdowns but due to the budget crunch we had to take some out of the sewer dept. fund balance to help balance the budget. We haven't a sewer raise for a long time. We are paying \$348 per year and we are asking it to go to \$364, which would be a \$4.00 increase per quarter. The late charges would be changed too. A homeowner would be \$5.00 if late, the same that it is now but for commercial they want to change it to \$5.00 per EDU's.

MOVED TO INTRODUCTION

2010 RESOLUTIONS

- 94** Adopting Personnel Policies and Procedures. **MOVED**
- 95** Authorizing the continuance of an inter-local services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the administration of the program income from the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. **MOVED**
- 96** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 212 Delaware Avenue (Block 149, Lot 13). **MOVED**
- 97** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 225 Huron Avenue (Block 149, Lot 7). **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 introduction – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. #94 to #97 made by Councilwoman Gorman - second - Councilman Vizthum

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$ 261,345.25

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes, abstain the two for the fire dept.; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – thanked the VFW and American Legion for their leadership shown on Memorial Day and to all who participated.

Bobbie – also thanked all for the parade and she feels this is the best one. Announced upcoming events in the area.

Jim – thanked the Mayor and Tom Coyle for the Memorial Day events; it was a moving day. There are two meetings coming up for the NJ Ave. streetscape – Wed. 6/9 @ 6p.m. and 6/10 @ 1 p.m. at the Absecon Presbyterian Church.

Fred – Public Works meeting is 6/7 @ 7 p.m. Welcomed the 177th fighter tactical wing back home.

Drew – the volunteers of the parade did a great job. Concerts start on 6/27 and there are 7 of them. Congratulated Mr. Iaconelli on his award. The IRS will come to speak to the small business group.

Chris – thanked Bob Kusnirik and the committee for presenting the plaque to the city. All the recipients are well deserving of the award and hopes a lot of people come out to celebrate. Thanked the Mayor for his presentation on Memorial Day. It was nice that all council was there. In terms of the finance committee, we are continuing to monitor the expenses and we are having a meeting in 2 weeks with the police dept. to keep the budget in line.

Terry – no report

Jerry – Memorial Day was a magnificent event; we can't stress it enough to the younger generation about the sacrifices that were made so we can have what we do in this country. The budget process never real stops; we look line by line now to make sure we are not having over expenses. We need to stay on top of it year round.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open – Councilman Fishman – second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor. No public comment.
Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – Res. #98-2010

Attorney Mike Blee – this falls under the contract negotiations exception to the open public meetings act specifically negotiation of a redeveloper’s agreement involving Parke Bank within the redevelopment area. Those minutes can be disseminated if in fact an agreement is every reached between the parties and fully executed by all parties or perhaps under a court order.

No action will be taken after closed session.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman
All were in favor.

Mike – it’s now 8:45 pm and we are out of executive session and issues discussed were those announced earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____