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**AUGUST 4, 2011
WORK & REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Pastor Julianne Henry, Manager of Pastoral Care & Volunteer Services at Atlanticare

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher (left 7:45), Urban, Green, Vizthum, Gorman, Camp, Falivene

Absent: Mayor Elco

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

STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Jerry

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Gorman
All were in favor.

Mr. Dupree – is concerned about the area at Ohio and Miami Ave. People park on both sides of the street near a deli and he feels it's a death trap.

Jim – looked at it a year ago about possibly making it one-way but after long discussion, it was decided that it was only busy at lunch and dinnertime for about an hour, so it didn't go through. We can revisit it though.

Ginny Nelson – 114 N. Shore Road – spoke to Mr. Dolan years ago about an idea and it hasn't gone anywhere. She thinks it would be nice to have the option of paying taxes with a credit card. The taxpayers would even pay the points and people would do it.

Jerry – we looked into this before and he then explained the extra fee that the city would have to incur but if there is another way, then maybe we can do it.

Ginny – Galloway is able to have their residents pay the points and they can do it on-line too. Just wants the option available. It might help with the collections.

Terry – the issue is identity theft and risk management. None of our offices accept credit cards and we would have to comply with the rules.

Chris – maybe it should be brought to the finance committee and we can maybe talk to Galloway to see how they address it. If any of them are negatives to us, then we don't do it.

Joseph Courter – 615 Hay Road – he is the chairman of the “Save Absecon Committee”. We filed a complaint against the Absecon Planning Board and Developer to overturn the Planning Board’s decision regarding their approval. It will be coming to the city soon. We know that relief has been asked from council for certain items. They feel the developer is working overtime in order to get C.O.’s issued. He read a statement on behalf of the committee.

Mike – wanted to know if the City of Absecon or governing body was named in the caption as a defendant in the case?

Joe – he believes it was the Planning Board and the Developer.

Chris – the Committee has met twice now to review and discuss reports and will be meet next week again with our professionals. The developer has requested a meeting with the committee and he thinks they will schedule a meeting with them. He anticipates by next month the committee will make a report to council. He asked Mike to look into the C.O. issue. Told the public that they don’t have the ability to overturn any Planning Board decision.

Leo McLaughlin – 205 Pennsylvania Ave. – thanked the committee for getting back to me so quickly with my requests from last meeting. He then asked questions regarding the fire systems and water tests. He feels they are invalid.

Chris – asked Terry to look into this.

Bob Kusnirik – 200 Briarcliff Place – wanted to know if the reports mentioned were certified? He wanted the issues that have to go before council mentioned again.

Terry – the document I forwarded to Mr. McLaughlin was sealed by an engineer.

Mr. Dupree – commented on how nice the city is run and how people handle things.

Chris – thanked him for coming to the meeting as well as Carie and the police chief.

Rob Kuhn – 130 Davis Ave. – asked about the new lampposts being put in downtown and that they have no provisions for flag pole provisions or holiday decorations. Was that the intent?

Jim – the original intent was to have power and be able to put holiday lighting up but because of the ownership issue with Atlantic Electric and insurance issues, they won’t let us put anything on the poles. They are going to look into it and see what can be done.

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

WORK MEETING

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

2011 ORDINANCES

- 10** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 330, Vehicles and Traffic, adding schedule XXII, Section 330-51, Firehouse Parking Lots and amending various schedules within Chapter 330.

Jerry – asked if anyone had objection to moving this into the regular meeting.

Bobbie – asked if Chief Stewart approved it.

Fred – at the Public Safety meeting, he actually initiated this.

2011 RESOLUTIONS

- 133** Supporting the Absecon Education Foundation’s annual Pedal, Paddle, Run.

- 134 Approving the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2011 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$13,004.32 from the State of New Jersey Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.
- 135 Rescinding Resolution 122-2011, authorizing a refund of 2010 taxes on the property located at 224 E. Wyoming Ave. (Block 84, Lot 15).
- 136 Granting a Raffle License to Charles A. Hammell Post #28 American Legion.
- 137 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to transfer street opening security deposits back to the City.
- 138 Authorizing the acceptance of sealed bids for the sale of the existing lease of the property and cell tower lease revenue located on Block 200, Lot 1 within the City of Absecon, County of Atlantic.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- 10 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 330, Vehicles and Traffic, adding schedule XXII, Section 330-51, Firehouse Parking Lots and amending various schedules within Chapter 330.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

Terry – so it’s understood, this with establish the new parking on NJ Avenue as well as the firehouse.

ROLL CALL: Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the 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 discussed separately.

Resolutions #133 through 138 were included in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Green

ROLL CALL: Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$ 717,153.16

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Camp

ROLL CALL: Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

REPORTS

Chuck – had a Public Works meeting on Monday and the roadway ranking system has been completed by Remington Vernick & Walberg. We can now go to work at that right away. We rejected a bid for this year’s Road Program so we are waiting for new ones to come back in for budgetary reasons.

Fred – no meeting was held this past Tuesday due to National Night Out so it will be the first Tuesday of Sept.

Bobbie – commended police dept. and all the businesses and organizations that participated. It was a beautiful night. We've had another wonderful year with the concerts. Last one is 8/7.

Don – Also commended the Chief, Sgt. DeRitis and Lt. Ward; they did a wonderful job. Announced some upcoming events. Announced the opening of the new paint store at the Marketplace.

Jim – also attended the National Night Out and it was impressive. Thanked the Chief and the dept. Field of Dreams is selling those chances because they need to repair or replace the turf surface. New Jersey Ave. is nearing the end and should be complete in a couple of weeks.

Terry – reminded everyone the Sept. meetings would be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Tax bills are going out and the deadline will be 9/15. Thanked the Parks and Playgrounds Committee for coming up with some of the new bands we had this year. The younger kids are even enjoying them.

Jerry – agreed that National Night Out was great. The last concert will showcase the Danny Eyer band and most of Absecon should remember him. Asked all to come out and show support. There will be some additional detours next week on NJ Ave. Asked Eddie to explain more.

Eddie – it's the home stretch now and the next part is the reconstruction of the roadway. Traffic can't be on it when they do it. He then explained how it would be divided into zones for allowing traffic. This Saturday the streetscape will be put in.

Jerry – Went out the fire academy training center in EHT to watch a live burn demonstration and it was quite impressive. It would be worthwhile to see if the public is allowed to go. Reminded all of the new schedule of the Sept. meetings, which is due to a conflict between he and Bobbie since they would both have to miss the first Thursday.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor.

Chief – thanked everyone who came out on Tuesday night and Jerry is always invited. Thanked Chief Stewart who also goes on the dunk tank. Hopes to see everyone again next year.

Eileen Kusnirik – 200 Briarcliff Place – asked that council announce what committee they talk about. Is it possible to give an address along with the block and lot when it's announced?

Mr. DuPree – wanted to know what the Peddle Paddle Run was.

Jerry – explained that and the downtown fair.

Leo McLaughlin – had to call 911 and he commended the police force and the ambulance squad for a good job they did when he needed them. Wanted to thank them all.

Motion to close public – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

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