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**SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
WORK & REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Pastor Al Syversten, Beacon Evangelical

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Urban, Green, Gorman, Camp, Falivene

Absent: Vizthum

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

STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Jerry

PRESENTATION

Jim Eberwine the Emergency Management Coordinator gave a power point presentation on Hurricane Irene showing what happened around the area.

Jerry thanked him for his work during the hurricane.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor – read a proclamation from Gov. Christie giving tribute to the people on 9/11 and proclaiming 9-11-11 Patriot's Day.

Jerry – this proclamation was started by our own fire dept. for this kind of cognition. It's being presented by Congressman LoBiondo and hopefully ratified by the house and we should be proud.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor.

Jerry stepped down and turned meeting over to Bobbie.

Joe Courter – 615 Hay Road – he inquired again which site plan the developer is working under.

Chris – the ad-hoc committee met again and recommended that no action be taken until the appeal process is completed. A conflict engineer has been hired and they are Mott Associates. They met with us and Absecon Gardens representatives and it was decided that the only site plan in effect is the one that was ultimately approved in July 2010. He reviewed the 2011 site plan that was submitted for approval and he see 7 proposed townhomes on Mechanic St. He feels there is a question as to how many can even be built there.

Joe Courter – there seems to be work going on regarding the large building that doesn't coincide with the 2010 site plan.

Judy Courter – 615 Hay Road – wanted a clarification if the city will issue a C.O. or T.C.O. before the lawsuit is settled.

Chris – before one could be issued there is much site work that needs to be done and a process for that to happen. He feels there is a significant amount of work and costs to be incurred before one is issued.

Mike – explained all issues would need to be resolved as well as condominium documents needed to be prepared.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Seher – second – Councilman Green
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 RESOLUTIONS

- 11** An Ordinance of the City of Absecon accepting a Deed of right of way dedication and A Deed of drainage and utility easement from Beazer Homes Corp., on Block 258.01, Lot 1.01, 1.02 and 3.

2011 RESOLUTIONS

- 148** Allowing for a Downtown Fair and authorizing the closing of New Jersey for the same. **MOVED**
- 149** Authorizing the acceptance of and when authorized the release of various street opening permit security deposits. **MOVED**
- 150** Granting a Raffle License to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. **MOVED**
- 151** Awarding a contract for the 2011 Road Program. **HELD**
- 152** Authorizing the City Administrator to advertise for one full time tele-communicator.
- 153** Appointing a part-time tele-communicator. **MOVED**

REGULAR MEETING

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Motion to introduce – Councilman Camp - second – Councilman Urban

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, abstained; 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 #148,149, 150, 152 & 153 were included in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Green

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,148.587.27

Motion to approve – Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Gorman

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

REPORTS

Mayor – thanked Atlantic County for taking a leadership role with the hurricane. They were very organized in making sure all were prepared. To the City he thanked the police, fire, EMS and Jim Eberwine and his workers. He also commended our Public Works dept. for their work during and after the storm.

Chris – finance mtg. will meet on 9/22 and they will address the issue to reassess balance in our tax assessment based on national and local housing market drops with the number of appeals taking place.

A motion was needed for the recommendation by the ad-hoc committee to refrain from taking any action on the five conditions requested by Absecon Gardens.

Motion was made by Councilman Seher – second – Councilman Green

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes

Chuck – reiterated the Mayor's comments and thanked everyone involved during the storm. Public Works next meeting will be 9/12 and they will discuss awarding the conflict engineer for that project. Asked everyone to remember 9/11 on Sunday.

Fred – expressed his thanks for the people involved with the hurricane and mentioned the ACUA who had to pick up all the yard waste afterwards. We are now up to full staff on the police dept. and it should alleviate some of our overtime. He hopes to recoup some of the overtime due to the storm from the State. Our 911 system is very weak and as of 10/1 Verizon will no longer maintain it so we are going to order the new one. This was budgeted this year and prices came in about \$1,000 lower and he hopes it will be up and running by 11/1. In case our old system goes down, we have arranged EHT to pick up our calls. The fire dept. had a crew of 10 stationed there all night during the storm. The floor is completed and it looks nice and no one has been slipping or sliding.

Chuck – thanked Eddie Dennis for putting together the roadway inventory project.

Don – also thanked all those involved with the hurricane. Thanked Lt. Matt Ward for assessing damage after the storm and Officer Richard Huenke for doing an assessment before the storm. Sgt. DeRitis gave an interesting presentation on computer safety and pedophiles. Announced upcoming events.

Bobbie – thanked ABTV for getting the notices out on t.v. and recognized Lisa Paule's work. Wished the Blue Devils football team a good season. Mainland Baptist Church is having a memorial service on 9/11.

Chris – announced to the public that they can go to our website for information on storm damage relief to see if they are qualified.

Terry – no report

Jerry – mentioned everyone that he wanted to thank for their work during the storm. We followed the County’s direction as to road closings and evacuations and enforced it. Thought the system worked well. Gave credit to Don for thinking of having an extra day of yard waste pickup scheduled.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor.

Susan Rasera – 49 W. Church St. – feels everyone did a fabulous job with the storm. She got a call regarding the evacuation but she felt it wasn’t clear as to what time she really had to leave and she wasn’t sure when she could come back though. Maybe another phone call should have been made.

Ginny Nelson – 114 N. Shore Rd. – does not feel the city should have to take on the health care responsibility of individuals. If you do it for one you are going to be doing it for many. Being a home care nurse, she said people usually prepare for it themselves. It would be a very costly venture.

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

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____

