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**SEPTEMBER 22, 2011
WORK & REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Barry Ross, Word of Life Christian Fellowship, Galloway, NJ

ROLL CALL

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

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

STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Jerry

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Jerry stepped down and turned the meeting over to Bobbie.

Judy Courter – 615 Hay Road – wanted to know who is responsible to oversee the work being done to make sure it follows what was approved. They feel things are getting built that weren't part of the plan. What happens if we see they aren't conforming to the site plan?

Terry – Mott Associates was hired as a conflict engineer and they will be responsible. If something does not conform, a notice would be issued.

Chris – suggested they make a list of things they feel aren't being done right and give it to Terry and he will get it to the correct people.

Leo McLaughlin – 205 Pennsylvania Ave. – thanked everyone for the hurricane cleanup. He met with Terry and the Construction Office. He found out that NJ American Water Co. owns our system and they plan on installing a new main. He wants to make sure it will handle the volume of water we need.

Terry – just received a report today and some of his questions might be answered in these records and he gave him a copy.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Gorman
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.

Jerry: May I hear a motion to move Resolution 160-2011 Authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Beazer Homes Corporation and accepting the posting of an approved Maintenance Guarantee to the Work Session Agenda?

Motion made by Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Seher

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, abstain; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

2011 ORDINANCES

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.

12 An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Reed Road, within the City of Absecon.
Moved to Regular Meeting

13 Capital Ordinance appropriating \$21,522.88 for the 2011 Road Program within the City of Absecon.

Chuck – explained Public Works committee met last week and one bid was received. They feel it's appropriate to use the Capital Account to get these roads done at this time.

Moved to Regular Meeting

2011 RESOLUTIONS

154 Authorizing the sale of personal property not needed for public use under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.
MOVED

155 Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2012 Municipal Aid Program for the reconstruction of Lisbon Avenue. **MOVED**

156 Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2012 Municipal Aid Program for the reconstruction of New Jersey Avenue. **MOVED**

157 Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2012 Safe Streets to Transit Program for the Central Business District Streetscape – Phase III.

158 Appointing a full time tele-communicator, namely Neal Galleta. **MOVED**

159 Authorizing the City Administrator to advertise for one part time tele-communicator.
MOVED

160 Authorizing the release of a Performance Guarantee posted by Beazer Homes

Corporation and accepting the posting of an approved Maintenance Guarantee **MOVED**
Chuck – went into more about Res. #155, 156 and 157. We decided to move forward to submit these applications for aid. Lisbon is in need of repair and that is first on the list. They felt with all the work done on NJ Ave. they would apply for aid for that street.

Jerry – explained the grant money received for NJ Ave. project only included curbing, sidewalk and streetscape. In that grant, we were not allowed to repave the whole street.

Jim – explained this is the same procedure we did for Phase I and Phase II of the project.

REGULAR MEETING

- 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.

Motion for second reading – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Camp

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

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, abstain; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

- 12** An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Reed Road, within the City of Absecon.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Gorman

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

- 13** Capital Ordinance appropriating \$21,522.88 for the 2011 Road Program within the City of Absecon.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Urban

Roll Call: Seher, yes; 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 #154 to 160 were included in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; abstain on 160; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,158,966.64

Motion to approve - Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

MONTHLY REPORTS – Carie

Construction - \$5,728

Tax Office - \$3,867,739.11

Clerk's Office - \$2,545.44

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 8/4/11 and 8/18/11

Motion to approve - Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes on 8/4 abstain on 8/18; Green, yes on 8/4 – on yes for 8/18 on the Res for conflict engineer; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – had a meeting on 9/12 with the revitalization committee for downtown. Next one is 10/3. Working with Chief Cowan regarding possible future programs. Thanked all involved with the Downtown Fair.

Don – also thanked everyone for the downtown fair.

Bobbie – also attended the fair and it was nice to see a lot of people there and it was a lovely day. Also went to a powder puff football game, where girls play tag football and boys are the cheerleaders.

Jim – we are just waiting for the lights in the downtown area. The hurricane slowed down the process but they should be installed in the next week or so. He heard nothing but positive feedback on the downtown fair. He was the coach for the powder puff game so that is probably why they didn't know what they were doing, but all had a good time.

Don – forgot to mention the Peddle, Paddle Run on 9/24 and the historical society is having a tour.

Chris – pleased to see there has been follow-up for the new Sarlo bill. A re-districting meeting is set for 10/4 @ 4:30 at city hall to discuss election polling areas. We need to move forward with a decision about coin drops. Community Affairs was given the chore. The finance committee met tonight with the assessor and discussed tax appeals. Wants to work on a possible resolution for a new reassessment of properties.

Chuck – discussed his meeting outcome in the resolutions mentioned earlier. Thank Fred Green for his help with his work on this committee and Eddie Dennis for the assessments of our city roads. Thanked Lynn Caterson and Jerry for their work on the downtown fair and the minnow races.

Fred – couldn't attend the fair, but he heard all positive about it. Next Public Safety mtg. Is 10/4 @ 7

Terry – no report

Jerry – thanked everyone who worked on the downtown fair; they do a great job and he is looking forward to the upcoming Peddle, Paddle Run.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Judy Courter – 615 Hay Road – asked what the rewarding meeting was.

Jerry – explained that due to the census and the amount of people in our wards, a slight modification of the line is going to be made. The meeting is open to the public.

Leo McLaughlin - 205 Pennsylvania Ave. – the reports that Terry gave him didn't address the questions he asked.

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

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – Res. #161-2011

Attorney Mike Blee – It's under the litigation exception to the open public meetings act, specifically PBA 77 v. the City of Absecon. Those minutes can be disseminated and perhaps only by court order due to the ongoing contractual relationship between the PBA and the City of Absecon inasmuch as it as dispute over an interpretation of the language of the collective bargaining agreement.

No formal action will be taken following executive session.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Mike - It's now 8:35 p.m. and issues discussed were those announced earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____