



**CITY OF ABSECON  
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**OCTOBER 20, 2011  
WORK & REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES**

**FLAG SALUTE – Mayor**

**INVOCATION – Rev. Joseph DeLaurentis, Margate Community Church**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Elco

**Also Present:** 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 Urban

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Urban

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**

- 167** Authorizing the Tax Assessor of the City of Absecon to file an application for a Citywide Property Reassessment.
- 172** Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2011 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$1,950.00 from the Federal Body Armor Fund.
- 173** Authorizing the City of Absecon to accept a donation from TD Bank for renovation to the City's Clock.

**Fred** – asked if it was going to be enough money to refurbish it back to the original condition.

**Terry** – explained one of the faces says Commerce Bank with it's logo. TD Bank purchased Commerce Bank and asked Terry if they could change that face. The quote for the one face is \$1,870 and that's what is being done.

- 174** Authorizing the City Administrator to advertise for the position of City Court Administrator.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **2011 ORDINANCES**

- 12** An Ordinance vacating a portion of Reed Road within the City of Absecon, County of Atlantic

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

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

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

All were in favor.

No public comment.

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

All were in favor.

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

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 #167, 172, 173 & 174 were included in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$2,199,850.18**

Motion to approve - Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Urban

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

### **MONTHLY REPORTS - Carie**

Tax Collection - \$1,421,423.35

City Clerk - \$3,585.15

Construction - \$13,937

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 9/8/11 and 9/22/11

Closed Session as to form and content only – 9/22/11

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, abstain on 9/8 –yes 9/22; Gorman, yes;

Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

## **REPORTS**

**Chris** – announced Veteran’s Day program on 8:30 a.m. 11/9 at school; the resolution passed tonight regarding the reassessments. We are planning to do this next year and thanked council for passing it. Our JIF fund has offered rebates of \$250 a person for attending annual tutorials so he encouraged all to attend. The 2012 budget process will start soon. Also discussed a link on the website for paying taxes.

**Chuck** – Cynwyd Drive is getting surveyed now and it should be done by the end of this Fall. The county was reached out to regarding finishing Pitney Rd. from five corners down to the Methodist Church and that is going out to bid also. We will be introducing a resolution for next meeting dealing with the mandating of the school funding formula, which has never been voted on but handed down by the Supreme Courts.

**Fred** – no report. Next meeting 11/1 @ 7 p.m.

**Don** – wanted to know if a ribbon cutting ceremony will be done when NJ Ave. is completed. Jim said it should be done by the end of Nov. so hopefully something can be done then. A person asked him about handicapped spots and their concern that they are too narrow. Planning Board meets Tuesday night and announced the Halloween parade.

**Bobbie** – no report. Trick or Treat is on 10/31 at 6-8 p.m. Asked drivers to be careful.

**Jim** – the downtown is in final stages and the crosswalks are the main item to be completed. He feels the speeding has been eliminated.

**Terry** – fall leaf collection begins Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and he explained the rotation, notifications that will be posted and the schedule. All depends on the weather and the amount of leaves. Discussions have begun on the 2012 budget. Recognized the court personnel, Teresa and Merilee for doing a great job. Reminded that discussions need to be started regarding the PBA negotiations.

**Jerry** – we did hear that they are ready to start and we usually hire legal counsel. Currently we have Steve Barse and he wanted to know how council felt on using him.

**Chris** – does he have experience in the police union and he would endorse the idea of using him. We should send them a notice that we are ready to meet with them and start negotiations.

**Jerry** – Our prosecutor, Bill Gasbarro has become the Municipal Judge in Brigantine, which leaves us with a spot to fill. He explained the process for hiring a Judge, and RFP’s will go out for the Prosecutor position. The court administrator position will be advertised. He talked about school funding and the major discrepancies between towns. Discussed the new Senate bill and the city’s opposition to it and how it takes the city’s powers away with land use laws.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Urban

All were in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Green - second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_