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**OCTOBER 7, 2010  
REGULAR & WORK MEETING  
MINUTES**

**FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor

**PRAYER** – Father John Vignone, St. Katherine Drexel, EHT

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Seher, Fishman, Green, Falivene, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

**Absent:**

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

**PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW**

**NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED** – Lynn

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

**WORK MEETING AGENDA**

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

Motion to add Resolution 161-2010 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Grant Agreement for Department of Transportation Funding and Resolution 162-2010 – Adopting the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reductions Act of 2000 to the Work Session Agenda made by Councilman Falivene – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

## 2010 ORDINANCES

- 08 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 266, Property Maintenance, adding section 266-5, Property of the City of Absecon.

Lynn – explained what this was and how adding one paragraph that would include city property.

**MOVED FOR INTRODUCTION**

## 2010 RESOLUTIONS

- 153 Authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes for the first and second quarter of year 2011 on the property located at 610 Seminole Ave. **MOVED**
- 154 Authorizing the acceptance of, and when authorized, the release of various street opening permit security deposits. **MOVED**
- 155 Permitting a Charitable Organization, namely Absecon Travel Basketball, to solicit funds. **MOVED**
- 156 Granting a Raffle License to the Knights of Columbus #6342. **MOVED**
- 157 Approving a special item of revenue into the 2010 municipal budget to allow for the receipt of \$2,025.00 from the Federal Body Armor Fund. **MOVED**
- 158 Approving a special item of revenue into the 2010 municipal budget to allow for the receipt of \$37,760.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. **MOVED**
- 159 Authorizing an application for the Municipal Alliance Grant for 2011. **MOVED**
- 161 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Grant Agreement for Department of Transportation Funding and Resolution **MOVED**

Jerry – asked how much we have now for the project.

Terry – \$900,000 and landscaping is not included. The project is funded totally with grants.

Chris – asked if the bids come in lower than the amount we have, what could happen with the extra money.

Eddie – explained it has to be spent on this project or you have to give the money back.

- 162 Adopting the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reductions Act of 2000 **MOVED**

Lynn – explained where and why this came about.

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### 2010 ORDINANCES

- 08 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 266, Property Maintenance, adding section 266-5, Property of the City of Absecon.

Motion for introduction made by Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum  
ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes;  
Caterson, yes

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. #153 to 162 made by Councilman Green –  
second – Councilman Falivene  
ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes;  
Caterson, yes

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$493,509.84**

**Fred** – asked Terry the amount of fuel and is it for the city yard? He thought we did away with that.

**Terry** – yes it is and the tanks have been there 5 years.

Motion to approve – Councilman Green - second – Councilman Vizthum

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 8/19/10

Closed Session as to form and content only – 8/19/2010

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

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

### **REPORTS**

**Lynn** – wanted everyone to know that the CFO and City Administrator have projected a budget deficit for 2011 of \$225,000 already. You also received a memo indicating what the pension costs will be. Budget discussions need to be started now; it can't wait until January.

**Mayor** - has had talks with the Chief of Police regarding the budget and we will continue to make sure we live in a safe town. To the Planning Board, he is not sure about the new 10-year rule about the Master Plan. The quality of that review can lead to financial gains of the city due to proper planning. We will continue to do that at the Planning Board level. Operation Take Back for medicines at the EMS building was very successful. The old pool is breaking apart and we went after a grant through FEMA but the County denied funding. Would like us to re-visit this occasionally and have some type of reminder in place. NJ Ave. beautification will be discussed next week with the volunteers. Thanked the Board of Ed and all volunteers for the successful Pedal, Paddle Run.

**Lynn** – as far as the FEMA grant, Terry is still going after the funds.

**Terry** – we need 25% of matching money.

**Eddie** – will find out how long we have the money for.

**Bobbie** – the ordinance regarding parking in the front of homes will be brought back with one change that prohibits the type of vehicles on people's front yards. Terry will draft one and hopefully discuss next meeting. Commended the police chief and crossing guards on handling the school traffic. The family fun fair will be 10/6 from 11-4. Historical walk was well attended and it is planned to do yearly.

**Jim** – discussed downtown project and still waiting for some approvals but hopefully will go out to bid soon. Hopefully the construction will start by the end of the year. He was concerned about gas pipe line maintenance and he looked into it and he read a letter from SJ Gas Co. with their reply.

**Jerry** – has started discussion with the Police Chief and the budget process. We have a large number to overcome this year from the start. We have been talking about restructuring and talked about positions needing to be filled. We have some retirements this year and we have terminal leave where they can use time that can range from 6 months to 1 ½ and still be on the payroll. Layoffs have never been discussed in Absecon, but it is something we need to put on the table now. The master plan change to 10 years is a great benefit to us.

**Fred** – had his meeting on Monday and they had attorney Keith Davis and owner, Dave Midelton attend and we should have a contract regarding maintenance for Oyster Bay property. Awarded the contract for sprinklers on NJ Ave. and the paving of St. Charles was delayed due to rain. Working on problems on Sooy Lane, Katie Court and on Hobart Avenue, where the road sinks in. Applied for grant for Cynwyd and Lisbon Ave. next year.

**Drew** – ballparks are in good shape and complaints are coming in for speeding around those areas. Leaf season is coming and asked residents to make sure fire hydrants are not covered over. We need to follow up with our resolution about collecting monies due us from the state from the utility companies.

**Chris** – Asked where we stand with the 2010 budget expenses.

**Jessica** – we are on the mark right now. She explained what money went where.

**Chris** – brought up the idea of a resolution regarding the freezing of spending except for emergencies as well as overtime expenses unless they meet emergency needs. He does not want to see the personnel cut in that department either. Thanked the Chief for finding a used car for the one that was totaled in an accident. Brought up the Kunkely property and the funds for that project.

**Lynn** – asked members to let Carie know of their attendance at next meeting so the picture can be taken. The historian mentioned that 100 people attended the walk. Thanked Whitey Swartz for the mural picture.

**Terry** – thanked Stan from Hometown Variety for framing the mural photo.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

All were in favor. No discussion

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

#### **CLOSED SESSION – #163-2010**

**Attorney Mike Blee** – stated the reasons as:

1. Contract Negotiations specifically Teamsters Local 107
2. Under litigation, specifically Craig v. Absecon.
3. Contract negotiations and/or potential litigation regarding the Absecon Planning Board Planner

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

All were in favor.

**Mike** – it's now 10:45 and issues discussed were those announced before entering closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Seher – second – Councilman Falivene

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

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