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**DECEMBER 1, 2011
WORK & REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Chuck Urban

INVOCATION – Bill Warner, Chaplain – Atlantic City Rescue Mission and Absecon Resident Spoke about services they offer and upcoming events that will be held.

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Urban, Vizthum, Gorman, Falivene

Absent: Green, Camp and Mayor Elco

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

STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Jerry

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor. No discussion.

Motion to close public portion – 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

- 14** An Ordinance establishing that a business entity, which makes political contributions to municipal candidates and municipal political parties in excess of certain thresholds, shall be limited in its ability to receive public contracts from the City of Absecon.

TABLED DUE TO DON CAMP'S ABSENCE

15 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 300 – Solid Waste, Article III – Recycling, Section 37 – Leaves.

Chuck – explained that plastic bags would no longer be allowed, only paper bags or containers for yard waste disposal.

Jerry - There is a problem with the plastic bags breaking down. There is an extra step that needs to be done at the ACUA when they are used so they approached us and asked if we could require the leaves to be put in biodegradable paper bags.

Terry – basically the ordinance will require people to put the leaves or yard waste out in either paper bags or a container. You could use a large trashcan or whatever, just not plastic bags. We do go around the city for one month in the Spring and two months in the Fall to pickup leaves at the curb. If this is passed, the ACUA will freeze our collection costs for the next two years at the 2011 rates.

MOVED TO REGULAR MEETING FOR INTRODUCTION

2011 RESOLUTIONS

192 Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 112 Lisbon Avenue (Blk. 93, Lot 13.04). **MOVED**

193 Authorizing the release of a Maintenance Guarantee posted by Village Supermarket, Inc. (ShopRite). **MOVED**

194 Authorizing the release of Escrow Funds for Oyster Bay Condominiums. **MOVED**

195 Authorizing to advertise for a Municipal Court Judge. **MOVED**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2011 ORDINANCES

15 Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 300 – Solid Waste, Article III – Recycling, Section 37 – Leaves.

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Seher

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, 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 #192 to #195 were included in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve – Councilman Urban – second – Councilman Seher

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$241,936.92

Motion to approve - Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum
Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Falivene, yes

REPORTS

Bobbie – no meeting last month but was in touch with Jeff Roswell and he informed her that on 12/9 the Fire Dept. would be having a Christmas party at Heritage Park. They will be showing the movie Elf and Santa will be in the gazebo. The ladies auxiliary will be doing a toy drive also. Santa will go around town in the fire truck on the weekend of the 16th and 17th.

Jim – thanked the Police Chief for the awards ceremony on Tuesday night, he did a great job. He stopped in on Det. DeRitis' adult program on cyber bullying and Internet protection for children. It was very informational. He encouraged all to come out and see.

Chris – no finance report. He attended awards ceremony also and it was great to see the officers recognized. It will be on Channel 2 soon.

Chuck – the road program is progressing nicely. Cynwyd Drive is done and Hickory St. was done today, Sooy Lane had repairs completed; Hobart Ave. is partially done and Katie Court is scheduled for next week. Acknowledged that Garrett Bennett saved his mother from choking by using the Heimlich maneuver. He goes to our school. Also the Fair School Funding program is still moving forward. The County Freeholder Board is taking it up on 12/6. He's glad to see it at that level and hears it's getting a lot of attention at the State level also. If we are to get any relief on taxes, the fair school funding reform has to take place.

Jerry – in Fred's absence, he asked me to have the Chief speak about the status of the new 911 system.

Chief Cowan – training for the dispatchers is to start on Monday and Verizon will be coming in and then KML will turn it on. It should be running by end of next week.

Jerry – commended him on a fine job on the awards ceremony. Glad it will be on t.v.

Terry – budget meetings are scheduled to begin next week. There will be 3 budget meetings scheduled for 2012. He asked the residents to be patient with the leaf pickup. They will get to you and the city will look better by the end of December.

Chris – asked him to elaborate as to when the crew works.

Terry – the Teamsters' workday ends at 3:30 in the afternoon. No matter where they are in the process, they stop so they have time to get back to the yard and dump the trucks. We can't leave the leaves in the truck overnight because they will rust out.

Jerry – asked Council to check the Thursday dates for any conflicts with the scheduling of the budget meetings.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor. No public comment

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – #196-2011

Mike Blee – explained the reason is under the personnel exception to the Open Public Meetings Act specifically the possible appointment of a Court Administrator.

Those minutes can be disseminated if in fact a final action is taken to hire a Court Administrator.

Action may be taken following executive session this evening on this issue.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor.

Mike – we are now in open session and it's 8:15 p.m.

Res. #197 Appointing a Municipal Court Administrator, namely Merrilee Phelps Carlson.
Motion to approve – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Gorman
All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilwoman Gorman - second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____